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## GLASS WAS THROWN AT WOMAN'S FACE OUTSIDE BRIDGEND PUB

# Three-years jail sentence for 'lawless' Sarn man

A GLASS smashed on impact after it was thrown at a young woman's face during an incident outside a Bridgend pub.

Amber Knight (18) had a crescent-shaped cut below her right eye.

Her attacker, 22-year-old Ian Bartlett, who was branded a "thug and a coward" by Judge Stephen Hopkins, was jailed for three years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Courageously, said the judge, the victim had recorded the incident on her mobile phone.

Bartlett, unemployed, of Ffordd Priordy, Sarn, Bridgend, had been

### CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

found guilty of assaulting Miss Knight, causing her actual bodily harm.

Prosecutor Jeff Jones said the incident occurred about 11.20pm on November 4 outside the Coity Castle pub, Bridgend.

Bartlett had contacted a friend who arrived at the scene and confronted Amber Knight's brother, Craig Knight.

The judge said at the time, Bartlett was on bail for an assault, which indicated his "lawlessness".

He had previous convictions for 10 offences,

including actual bodily harm on a council worker in Bridgend, and a homophobic attack on a man in Cardiff.

He pointed out that the November 4 attack was not initiated by Bartlett. He said that Bartlett had tried to speak to Mr Knight and become friendly with him, but Mr Knight didn't want to know.

Mr Knight became concerned and texted his sister, who joined him outside the pub.

"But trouble broke out," said the judge, and Bartlett tried to snatch Miss Knight's phone from her.

He then deliberately threw a glass at her, which hit her in the face and smashed on impact.

"It is little short of a miracle that the cosmetic damage was not worse, or that she did not suffer an eye injury."

On the film, said the judge, after the attack, Bartlett was "bouncing around and whooping with delight in a triumphant way."

He was arrested following a police chase and denied throwing the glass.

Said the judge: "The jury saw through all your lies. You used a weapon, hurling a glass, and you intended to cause more harm than what occurred."

"You were on bail for another offence and you were under the influence of drink. You have a propensity to act violently when under the influence of drink."

Bartlett's counsel, Hilary Roberts, said references spoke well of the defendant and the writers were surprised at his predicament.

"He is pleasant and hard-working, but after drinking there is another side to him. Drink presents a problem and he says that he behaves like an idiot when drunk."

"He now recognises that drink is something he will have to address in the future. The injury itself was, in effect, a black eye with a splitting of the skin."

"Bartlett is not a hopeless case," said Mr Roberts.

## Bridgend girl will sing anthem in Melbourne!



ABOVE: Meinir Ann Thomas will sing the Welsh national anthem in Melbourne this Saturday.

**A BRIDGEND girl will be stepping out alongside the Welsh rugby team on Saturday morning (June 16) to sing the national anthem.**

Meinir Ann Thomas, who now lives in Melbourne with her Australian husband and two young daughters, will be watched by her proud parents, Carys and Clem, back home in Bridgend.

Meinir's singing career has taken her around the world, and she is a former member of the Swingle Singers.

Her mother told The GEM that her vocal talent first became apparent when she was at school in Ysgol Gymraeg Penybont.

She said: "Meinir had an excellent grounding in singing there, and won prizes at the Urdd

by PHILIP IRWIN

Eisteddfod."

She continued to develop her singing at secondary school in Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari, and she then went on to Liverpool University.

She graduated in music and sport – not a bad mix with her engagement on Saturday in mind!

Carys said: "She joined the Swingle Singers and travelled the world with them, before

settling down in Australia.

"Her married name is Tuckey, and now she juggles her two little girls and her home life with Andrew and working as a free-lance vocalist and singing teacher."

"She still finds time to sing and record with professional vocal ensembles, and also with the Sydney Welsh Choir."

"However, this Saturday will be really emotional for her, because she is a proud Welsh girl!"

### Petrol station robbed

**POLICE are investigating after a robbery at the South Cornelly Service Station last Saturday (June 9) at 4.15am.**

The culprit threatened the cashier with an unknown implement and made off with a bag containing cash. No-one was injured during the robbery.

Bridgend CID are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 01656 679518, or Crimestoppers FREE on 0800 555 111.

## Hospital replies to A&E 'rumours'

A spokeswoman for the Princess of Wales Hospital has responded to speculation that the A&E unit there could be downgraded.

As The GEM went to press, we were contacted by a member of the public, and by the Welsh Conservative regional AM for south Wales west, Suzy Davies.

She stated that there were "rumours" among hospital staff that it might be downgraded.

She said she would be writing to Paul Roberts, the chief executive of the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board.

In a response received as The GEM was going to press yesterday, a hospital spokeswoman said: "We are reviewing how we provide all our services in response to the Welsh Government's vision for NHS Wales 'Together for Health'."

"In addition, six health boards are jointly looking at some particularly fragile services through the south Wales programme – this includes emergency medicine services across the whole of south Wales."

"No decisions have been made about these services."

The GEM will return to this subject next week in more detail.



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Guinness World Record attempt  
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## COUNTY BOROUGH PUPILS MARK ROYAL OCCASION IN STYLE

Rhian Edwards

## Local schools sparkle for Queen's Diamond Jubilee!



Oldcastle Primary buried a time capsule during their Jubilee celebrations, watched by Carwyn Jones AM, to coincide with their centenary.

**PRIMARY** schools across the borough had a red, white and blue end to the term with dozens of yard parties and special celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

There were double celebrations for two of the oldest and youngest schools in the borough.

**OLDCASTLE PRIMARY** used its Jubilee events to help mark its centenary, while **MAES YR HAUL** combined the celebration with the opening of a Jubilee garden marking its 10th birthday.

At Oldcastle, First Minister and Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones was among the guests invited to a special assembly where children dressed up and performed a presentation inspired by their favourite era.

Mr Jones then helped pupils bury a time capsule marking 100 years.

Acting headteacher Sue Prosser said:

"This was a very proud moment for our

school. The children have enjoyed finding out about what life was like for Oldcastle pupils in the past and they were really keen to leave a snapshot of life today for the next generation.

"The children planned the contents of the capsule, which included video diaries of a typical day, class photographs, coins and notes, school uniform, a property news and letters sending messages to the future."

The children continued the celebrations with a Jubilee lunch served in the school yard in a typical street party style, followed by an afternoon of entertainment.

Parents were invited to view the children's exhibition, showing research and photos from the past, and Welsh rugby coach Rob Howley also brought along the Triple Crown and Grand Slam trophies for pictures.

Down the road in Maes yr Haul, the borough's largest primary marked its 10th birthday, and the Queen's 60

years on the throne, with the opening of a new 'Jubilee Garden' in the school's grounds.

The garden has been designed by staff and pupils and created by the Youth Works programme as part of the 'Skills for Living' project.

Every year group in the school has a raised planting bed, featuring a range of flowers, vegetables, fruits and herbs.

Other features of the garden include a sensory garden, a wild meadow section and pond, as well as a storytelling circle and terrace.

The opening was followed by a street party-style picnic in the playground, and then children enjoyed traditional yard games dressed as their favourite Royals or in red white and blue.

There was an additional treat for the youngsters when the South Wales Police helicopter paid a special overhead visit.

Headteacher Margaret Lugg said: "This has been a really special week at Maes yr Haul, with every class embracing the Diamond



ABOVE: Maes-yr-Haul had a double Jubilee/10th birthday celebration.

Jubilee celebrations.

"All learning has been linked to the reign of Queen Elizabeth, with a wide range of diverse and original activities and, of course, the opening of our fantastic new Jubilee garden."

In Brackla, **ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS PRIMARY SCHOOL**, pupils dressed up for a street party lunch, while **BRACKLA PRIMARY** held a garden party where children were asked to dress up and design a cake and sandwich to celebrate the Jubilee.

Children who are part of the school's 'bike it to school' initiative were also invited to decorate their bikes.

In Bridgend, pupils at **HERONSBRIDGE SPECIAL SCHOOL** held a Jubilee garden tea party, while **BRYNCETHIN PRIMARY** pupils celebrated with their very

own 'Kings and Queens' tea party, with all of the staff and children coming to school dressed as their favourite Royal.

In **BRYNTRIRION, INFANTS**, staff and children dressed in red, white and blue for their Jubilee disco, and also planted a time capsule near their Jubilee tree.

**LLANGEWYDD JUNIOR SCHOOL** will be holding a community Diamond Jubilee summer fayre on Friday June 15; with Royal food, games, sponge throwing and Queen and Prince Phillip lookalikes.

In **CEFN GLAS INFANTS**, the street party included a danceathon, bunting and decorating cakes. The pupils who designed the school's winning commemorative stamp were 'Queen and Prince Consort' for the party.

Each pupil took home a commemorative mug, decorated with the

Jubilee and school logos.

In Coity, a Jubilee party took place at **COITY PRIMARY** where Coity Village Association presented every child at school with a commemorative mug.

Cornelly celebrations included those at **YSGOL Y FERCH O'R SGÛR**, where a Jubilee parade of princes and princesses, mug decorating, face painting, a bouncy castle, street dancing workshops and a barbecue were on offer, while at Coychurch, the community council presented pupils of

**COYCHURCH PRIMARY** with Diamond Jubilee commemorative medals. In Laleston, a whole school party took place at **TRELALES PRIMARY** where pupils had fun dressed in red, white and blue, while in **LITCHARD PRIMARY** a picnic

party saw pupils also dress in red, white and blue and wear celebration hats.

**NANTYFFYLLON PRIMARY** pupils had fun at a street party in the schoolyard where teachers and pupils wore red, white and blue and had their faces painted.

In Maesteg, **YSGOL CYNWYD SANT** pupils were each given a commemorative mug to mark the event.

In Porthcawl, **WEST PARK PRIMARY**'s celebrations, lawn games, party games, a picnic and a parade took place, while nearby **NEWTON PRIMARY** pupils held a Jubilee picnic in the schoolyard dressed in a variety of costumes including kings, queens, princes and princesses and red, white and blue.

Their school fete also had a Jubilee theme.

THE May 24 issue of The GEM featured a piece about Rhian Edwards, the winner of the 2011/2012 John Tripp award for spoken poetry.

In the piece, it was reported that Rhian, who has just published her first book of poetry, had studied law at the London School of Economics, but had not graduated.

The GEM would like to clarify that she did, in fact, graduate with a 2:1 degree in law from the LSE. It was a subsequent law school course that she did not complete.

## PACT meetings

**MORFA WILDMILL PACT**, Community Hub, The Precinct, Wildmill, on June 14 at 6.30pm.

**OLDCASTLE PACT**, the Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on June 20 at 6.30pm.

**BRACKLA PACT**, Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, on June 28 at 6.30pm.

**COITY PACT**, at Gilead Chapel, Heol Spencer on July 5 at 7pm.

**MORFA TOWN PACT**, Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street, on July 9 at 6.30pm.

**NEWCASTLE PACT**, Civic Offices, Angel Street, on July 10, at 6.30pm.

**BRYNTRIRION, LALESTON AND MERTHYR MAWR PACT**, Laleston Gardening Club on July 26 at 7pm.

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## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

| DATE    | Time AM | Ht M | Time PM | Ht M |
|---------|---------|------|---------|------|
| 14 Thur | 02.59   | 7.8  | 15.33   | 7.7  |
| 15 Fri  | 04.01   | 7.9  | 16.33   | 8.0  |
| 16 Sat  | 04.59   | 8.1  | 17.24   | 8.3  |
| 17 Sun  | 05.41   | 8.4  | 18.06   | 8.6  |
| 18 Mon  | 06.29   | 8.6  | 18.47   | 8.8  |
| 19 Tues | 07.07   | 8.9  | 19.25   | 9.1  |
| 20 Wed  | 07.43   | 9.1  | 20.01   | 9.3  |
| 21 Thur | 08.21   | 9.1  | 20.36   | 9.4  |

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

## Parkinson's group meets in Porthcawl

AT the last monthly meeting of the Porthcawl Parkinson's Support Group, members enjoyed a very pleasant morning listening to the speaker Mr Glan Davies.

Glan talked about how, in the early 1930s as a young boy, he spent his time on his father's farm, a small-holding six

miles from Newcastle Emlyn.

He spoke of hard times, where there was no running water, no sewerage and no electricity, and how one of the greatest assets was a stream that ran alongside the farm.

Glan told of how the war actually improved a lot of things at the farm.

He then continued his talk about his time in national service and

how after that he was trained to teach deaf people, and of how his job took him to Leeds.

The next monthly meeting is on June 29 at 10.30am in the Unitarian Church schoolroom in Nottage.

All new comers are welcome.

For further information contact 01656 783071.

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## Bridgend students make 'river of coins'

PUPILS from a Bridgend school have made a river out of coins to show their support for people around the world who are living without access to clean water.

The 'river of change' flowed around St Mary's Primary School hall, with pupils donating pocket money to raise money for the Catholic aid agency,

CAFOD's 'Give it Up' Lenten appeal.

The headteacher, Mr Lyndon Watkins, said: "We had a visit from CAFOD diocesan manager, Richard Laydon, at the beginning of Lent, and he explained to the children that one in eight people live without clean water.

The children took a natural interest in the appeal and were keen to raise money, having realised just how lucky they are."

St Mary's raised £517 for 'Give it Up' and the fundraising will have double the impact, as the Government has promised to match any donations made to CAFOD over Lent, thanks to UK Aid Match Funding.

CAFOD's manager for Bridgend, Richard Laydon, said: "It's amazing that these children have put so much time and energy into thinking about others and changing lives."



# Porthcawl shows its royal Jubilee spirit, despite 'republican' weather!



ABOVE: A patriotic display from the residents in St Michael's Road.

WHEN Porthcawl residents in St Michael's Road and near the Wilderness Lake held their street parties, the weather did its best to make things difficult.

However, the 'republican' rain failed to put the locals off and, as photographer Malcolm Nugent discovered when he visited, everyone was having a fine time!

**GEM NOTE:** St Michael's Road photos are marked 'StM' and Wilderness Lake photos are 'WL'.



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by  
**MALCOLM  
NUGENT**



ABOVE: St Michael's Road baked a Jubilee cake!



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## Choirs sing out for local foodbank and raise funds

**PORHCRAWL** Male Choir, together with guests, the Harrow Apollo Male Choir from Middlesex, and 19-year-old local cellist Hannah Thomas, recently performed a joint concert in All Saints Church, Porthcawl.

The choir was conducted by musical director, Mair Jones and accompanied by Bethan Thomas, while the guest choir was conducted by David Heasman and accompanied by Philomena McRae.

Hannah was accompanied by Matthew Thomas.

Hannah Thomas is a gifted cellist who is going to study at the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in Greenwich, London, in September.

Her performance was an absolute delight, which most certainly bodes well for her future musical career.

Both choirs sang a variety of music from their repertoires and combined effortlessly, to sing two pieces at the end of the first half, conducted by David.

Then, at the finale the choirs were conducted by Mair, and sang a further two pieces, including 'Tydi Y Roddaist' sung in the 'language of



ABOVE: Dr David Parry (centre), accompanied by Roger Slennet (left) receives the cheque from Owain Jones.

Heaven", Welsh, a most impressive achievement by the London choir, which delighted the Welsh audience.

On their website, Harrow Apollo choir described the joint concert with Porthcawl Male Choir as one of the highlights of their long weekend visit to Porthcawl and described All Saints Church as being an impressive venue.

Shortly after the concert, two representatives of Porthcawl Foodbank, Dr David Parry and Mr Roger Slennet, attended a rehearsal of Porthcawl Male Choir where the

choir's chairman, Mr Owain Jones presented them with a cheque for £600.

Dr Parry expressed

the foodbank's gratitude to both choirs, and to Hannah for her contribution to the work of the organisation. **JW**

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# MAESTEG AIMS HIGH WITH ITS QUEEN'S JUBILEE BEACON ON CHURCH'S SPIRE

MAESTEG'S contribution to the lighting of beacons to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was one of the most visible anywhere in the UK!

While some communities built theirs on the coast, or on a nearly hill, in Maesteg the beacon was lit at the very top of St Michael's Church.

Before the lighting of the beacon, the church hosted a Jubilee concert, organised by Anthony Bwyne, and a thanksgiving service, taken by the Rev G Blyth.

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Nikki Casey.



ABOVE:  
Rhyddian Jenkins.



The beacon blazes on top of St Michael's Church.



Benjamin Isaac



ABOVE: The St Mary's RC School choir sang at the concert.



Nathan Isaac.



Alex John.



Niamh Reese.

## Year-6 class pupils wow book judges

**EIGHT young hopefuls from the year-6 class of St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston, went to Brecon for the national final of the Welsh Books Council competition.**

A school spokeswoman said: "The group took the judging panel by storm with their drama presentation and book discussion."

"Their Welsh-themed book discussion was particularly commended. The judges described the quality of the children's answers as outstanding and near perfect!"

The first round of the competition was at St Illtyd's Primary School, Llantwit Major, where St David's joined four other schools in compet-

ing for the chance to go through to the final.

Teacher Mrs Janis Ellis, said: "The group are a joy to work with. This is our third year of entering the competition and the last opportunity the children will have before high school, so to get to this far is particularly special."

"Three of the pupils wrote and choreographed the drama presentation, something I think the judges looked favourably upon."

"The group even designed and printed the t-shirts they wore on the day!"

"It's all stations go for our budding thespians now, as Theatr Brycheiniog beckons on July 3, when the group compete against schools from across Wales. *Pob lwc bawb!*"

## Townswomen host visitors from Mansfield

**PORTHCAWL Townswomen's Guild welcomed seven members from its twin guild, Mansfield Lady Oaks, to celebrate 'TG Together Day' over a long weekend of glorious sunshine, going to St Fagan's to view some of the interesting buildings and on to Cardiff Bay.**

After seeing the Wales Millennium Centre and the Senedd, it was time for a trip around the bay.

In the evening, there was a Welsh choir for visitors to enjoy, as 'Sounds Familiar' held their annual concert in All Saints Church.

Sunday lunch was enjoyed by 25 members, followed by a short tour round The Rest and over to Southerndown, showing off our beautiful coastline.

Our Mansfield friends were very appreciative and we felt we had shown this area of Wales off at its very best.

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The choir 'Harmony' entertained the audience.



# Looking back on great week of Jubilee events

*Festivities a real treat for the residents of Porthcawl*

AS the Queen's Diamond Jubilee week has come to a close, it is an opportunity to reflect on a momentous few days of frivolity and fun when young and old, and people of all races have joined together to celebrate a truly fantastic occasion, the like of which may never be seen again.

Nationally, the incredibly spectacular River pageant, despite the weather, will remain as a lasting memory of the Jubilee celebrations. To see the banks of the Thames packed with cheering fans and to see the royal barge with the Queen standing for hours to receive the tributes was truly inspiring.

This was followed by the Buckingham Palace concert and the moving service of celebration at St Paul's Cathedral.

Porthcawl can be equally proud of the exceptional programme of events compiled and delivered by Lindsay Morgan and his Diamond Jubilee committee.

The town of Porthcawl owes them a great debt of gratitude for the months of planning and personal sacrifices necessary to compile and fulfil such an exceptional array of activity.

The fact that some events were not as well attended as others should in no way

detract from variety of opportunity to celebrate that was on offer, free of charge, for the people of Porthcawl during this memorable week.

Not deterred by the weather, the Jubilee committee still delivered all that was promised, from the activities at the Rugby Field to the 'Party on the Prom' concluding with the service of thanks and celebration at the Grand Pavilion.

Amongst the notable successes of this incredible, unforgettable week must be the presentation of over 3,000 medals to our Porthcawl school-children that has provided them with a tangible reminder of this exceptional occasion closely followed by the provision of 370 high quality celebration lunches free of any charge, and distributed through Churches Together in Porthcawl.

Also the visits paid to each venue by Lord and Lady Kenfig, Lindsay and Margaret Morgan that provided additional atmosphere.

The lighting of the official beacons brought out thousands to watch. The pleasure of seeing the community spirit engendered at the various venues around our town was also a joy to behold.

While the weather has become a dominant feature, it still failed to deter those who attended the 'Party on the Prom.' The open top bus was full all day, as

it transported its windswept passengers from Coney Beach to Rest Bay and back, while the small road train also traversed the prom all day with excited young and old on board.

The public who made the effort to attend were pleasantly surprised to enjoy free lunches provided from a tent opposite the Pavilion.

Rotary friends should be thanked for providing help and for their marshalling services throughout.

Again, the weather did not stop the 'Waterless' Pool Gala from taking place, the Punch and Judy show and the excellent 'Living Statues' took refuge in the foyer of the Grand Pavilion.

The Hi Tide fireworks display also continued to round off a damp but enjoyable day. The successful Big Sound Band Dance in memory of Harry Dannel that featured two members of the original Band was enjoyed by all and the Lifeguard Nipper Carnival and Small Boat flotilla complemented by our special lifeboat crews was well supported.

Sandy Bay events concluded with the Grand Jubilee fireworks display - Wow! What a great show; truly the big bang we were expecting!

All those who participated in this great week, will long remember the

2012 Diamond Jubilee events programme and the attention it brought to the Town.

The culmination of all the activities was the memorable special thanksgiving celebration service in the Grand Pavilion, when our young people lit candles of remembrance and when our civic pride was demonstrated with Banners raised and medals worn.

Well done again to Lindsay Morgan and his Jubilee committee, and all those who helped to make this memorable week possible.

Finally, look out for 'A Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee' book, on sale soon, compiled and edited by Keith E Morgan, published by the Diamond Jubilee Events Group, sponsored by Margaret and Lindsay Morgan and printed by Harris Printers.

Produced to be a comprehensive photograph album that records the events and changes that have taken place in Porthcawl since Her Majesty the Queen's Accession to the Throne on the death of her father, King George VIth on February 6, 1952, this commemorative book covers the life and times of the town of Porthcawl, its community, and its people over the 60 years of the Queen's reign.

CLIVE MORT,  
Jubilee Committee

## Double celebration at Maes-yr-Haul school

IT was a day for a double celebration at Maes-yr-Haul Primary School, Broadlands, Bridgend, during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It was also the 10th anniversary of the school opening, so there were lots of things to celebrate!

PCSO Heather Dobbs was invited to join the children with their jubilee celebrations, which also included a 'fly past' by the police helicopter.

As well as plenty of activities and good things to eat, there was a 'royal visitor' and PCSO Dobbs was lucky enough to have her photograph taken with her.

The children had a great day and loved the fact that Heather could attend, keeping her busy by asking her lots and lots of questions!



ABOVE: PCSO Heather Dobbs with a 'Royal' visitor.

## Bridgend College opens art academy

BRIDGEND College is opening a new 'arts academy' on Penarth Road, Cardiff, close to Cardiff Central train station, where from this September they will deliver the Cardiff Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

The official opening will take place on Friday, June 22 and will include an exhibition of Bridgend College and Cardiff Metropolitan University (UWIC) current Foundation Diploma in Art and Design students' artwork.

The grade 1 School of Creative Arts at Bridgend College has taught the Foundation Diploma in Art and Design for many years, and due to their reputation for high

quality teaching and learner support, were recently approached by Cardiff Metropolitan University (UWIC) to deliver this course in Cardiff.

Current student Jay Boucher says: "I arrived at Bridgend College with high expectations, and I have not been let down. The range of materials available is parallel to any university I have visited, and in some cases better."

"The staff at the college are friendly, knowledgeable and experienced. I would highly recommend this course, no matter what area you might be passionate about, from fine art to photography to textiles."

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## Students' inside track at festival

FIVE students were selected to attend the Hay Festival, as part of the Beacons Project.

They won five out of 13 places available to A-level literature students from across Wales.

It involved spending a week at the festival taking part in creative writing workshops and attending a wide range of events.

The Cardiff and Vale College students were: Jac Bryant (17) from Barry; Conor Derbyshire (17) from Llanedeyrn; Alex E Jackson (17) from Radyr; Thomas Clements (18) from Llandaff; and Liam Hemmings (19) from Penarth.

They took part in events aimed at encouraging their cre-

ativity and linking the landscape and environment of the Beacons to art and literature.

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## Top poet will be at the library

A POETRY reading, book signing and question and answer session with Bridgend-born poet and musician Rhian Edwards will be taking place at Bridgend Library today (June 14).

Rhian is a talented performance artist who has inspired audiences throughout the UK and abroad and has recently won the John Tripp Award for Spoken Poetry (2011-2012), which is the highest award for a performance poet in Wales.

Rhian will be reading from her recently published first collection of poems, *Clueless Dogs*, at the event, as well as taking questions from the audience.

The book will be available for loan from

Bridgend County Borough Council libraries or for purchase for £8.99 at the event, with the opportunity to have the book signed by Rhian.

BCBC libraries have a number of literary events coming up, including the visit of local author Carole Llewellyn to Y Llynfi and Porthcawl Library on Wednesday June 20, and a 'What the Dickens!' festival being held on Saturday, June 23 on Wyndham Street, outside Bridgend Library.

For more information about events being held by BCBC libraries, visit: [www.bridgend.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/libraries), or contact: [blis@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:blis@bridgend.gov.uk).

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# BRIDGEND CELEBRATES THE JUBILEE IN FINE STYLE WITH STREET PARTIES

STREET parties in Bridgend were in full swing when GEM photographer Randell John was out and about.

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# FLAG WAVING LOCALS SHOW THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT FOR THE QUEEN



THIS was the scene (above) when residents in St Christopher's Road held their street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

As noted on the facing page, GEM photographer Randell John called in on a number of street parties, and those marked 'LA' were taken at Lewis Avenue; 'GR' is Grove Road, 'MA' is Mayfield Avenue, 'StC' is St Christopher's Road, and 'WA' is Woodfield Avenue.

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ABOVE: An 'Olympic' torchbearer at St Christopher's Road.



ABOVE: The residents in Woodside Avenue were not going to let a drop of rain dampen their spirits!



# JUBILEE CELEBRATION IS A BIG HIT IN EWENNY AND CORNTOWN



**THE** Corntown and Eweny event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee was held in the grounds of Eweny Priory on June 4, by kind permission of Jeremy Picton-Turberville, and was organised by volunteers and supported by Corntown and Eweny Community Council.

The event struck lucky with the weather, and featured children's and adults novelty races, a fancy dress parade and a fun dog show.

The event was extremely well supported by the community and visitors alike.

Meryl Sparks, part of the volunteer fund raising and organising committee, "I never thought that so many people lived in the area."

"It was fabulous to see the number of people turn out and it is all due to the hard work of so many people in the locality".

The day's festivities culminated in a hog roast hosted by Fiona and Huw James at the Vale Cricket Club, Corntown, with the formalities ending in the lighting of a Jubilee Beacon and a splendid fireworks display.

To end the day, a party with a disco left everyone who attended, on a very definite high.



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## Cancer research Race for Life in memory of Julie



**ABOVE:**

Members of the group, from left to right: Karen Bale and her son Joshua (Julie Johnson's sister and nephew), Claire Charlton, Perla Kirkham, Catherine Griffiths, Heather Sawyer, Andrea Greene, Julie Hart and Claire Price. Another group member, Stephanie Duncan-Harman, is not shown.

A group of mums from Llanilltud Fawr Primary School in Llantwit Major took part in the recent Race for Life held in Bridgend.

The women entered the event in memory of their friend Julie Johnson.

The 'Race for Life' fundraising idea was conceived to highlight cancers among women and to provide funds for research.

The name of the mums' school group is 'Er Cof Am' which means 'in memory of' and it has raised £433 so far.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "If people would like to donate to the cause, they can still do so at [www.raceforlifesponsor.org/Er-cof-am](http://www.raceforlifesponsor.org/Er-cof-am)."

"There is also an online donation page at [www.raceforlifesponsor.org/er-cof-am](http://www.raceforlifesponsor.org/er-cof-am)."

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### Lib-Dem advice

**WELSH Liberal Democrat AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding a surgery on Friday, June 15 in the Pyle Life Centre, Bridgend, from 2pm to 3pm. No appointment is necessary.**





## 'There's Magic in the Hair' at the Pavilion as the famous magician Paul Daniels visits

PAUL DANIELS visited the Grand Pavilion, (for the first time since 1999), with his new show *Hair Today Gone Tomorrow* and assisted by Debbie McGee, performed an 'hilarious' act of comedy magic!

As the images show, Paul and Debbie were a hit with children and adults alike.

The couple were thrilled to receive from the author, a signed copy of a book celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Grand Pavilion. Pictures taken of them in August 1999, when they last performed at the Grand Pavilion, appear in the book.

The pictures taken on this occasion will be included in the book currently being prepared to celebrate the Grand Pavilion's 80th anniversary this year.

Incidentally, Debbie McGee first performed at the Grand Pavilion in the 1970s in one of Stan Stennet's 'Summer Stars' shows at the venue.



'You'll like this...'

Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan.



## THE LORD PROVIDED...

PEARL welcomed two new members to the recent Newton WI meeting.

The Jubilee meal went really well and the hall was beautifully decorated by Pat and family. A three-course meal was given by Lord Kenfig, Lindsay Morgan, and his wife Margaret.

We all toasted the Queen and sang the National Anthem and

then had a raffle, drawn by Lindsay, and the afternoon ended with a quiz. Pearl thanked Lord Kenfig for the wonderful meal and all the effort for the Jubilee weekend.

Our next meeting is the strawberry tea, which Jan has under control, although I don't know if Jan and Den are picking the strawberries! The speaker was Phillip Davies, who

spoke about a funny thing that happened to him on the way to the theatre. Mr Davies really knew his stuff and had an amazing repertoire of anecdotes from his own performances in 'Am Dram' and kept us all laughing.

Betty gave the vote of thanks, remembering her days with the Porthcawl Little Theatre.

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## Pupils endure a 'challenging' day!

NEWS FROM PENCOED COMPREHENSIVE



ABOVE: Pencoed pupils at Gnoll Park, Neath.

ON Tuesday, May 29, children from class 7-1 in Pencoed Comprehensive attended the 'Local Aid Schools Challenge' at Gnoll Park, Neath.

This event, now in its 22nd year, is a multi-agency event aimed at helping young people with additional needs.

A school spokeswoman said:

"It was a fantastic experience for all pupils (and staff!) with activities involving team work, problem solving and confidence building."

Favourite challenges included making a bridge to cross a river, balancing on a raft, the Police assault course and the Firefighter's slide!"

## 'Taking a trip up to Abergavenny'

EVENING sunshine... and the sounds of Coity church bellringers made a very pleasant background for the May meeting.

This was the Resolutions meeting, and the resolution selected for our attention this year was the chronic shortage of midwives.

As a retired midwife, our president, Lyn Griffiths was well qualified to guide us through the debate.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the evening con-

## COITY WI

cluded with a fish and chip supper.

The Abergavenny trip at the end of the month was a great success. Some of our members visited the Tith Barn where the Abergavenny Tapestry is displayed.

The modern interactive exhibition, set in the ancient, restored building, explains the tapestry in detail and covers 1,000 years of local history.

Further visits were made to St Mary's Priory Church and to the castle and museum.

A good lunch, a little retail therapy and very good weather completed a most enjoyable day out.

The next meeting will be at Coity Church Hall on June 27 at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mr Tim Wright who will be speaking on 'Nature's Little Helpers'.

The competition is for 'A Honey Recipe'. We welcome new members, so if you think our programme would interest you, or you are new to the area, do join us - we would love to meet you.

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## ValePlus celebrates its 10th birthday

VALEPLUS, the local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disabilities, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with a garden party at its centre in Barry.

More than 100 guests

enjoyed a pleasant afternoon, meeting up with old friends, enjoying the party food and listening to some quality music supplied by a band arranged by Alice Jones.

A number of stalls were also available so that clients were able to do some fundraising as

well.

The chief guests were Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM, as well as the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker, the Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, and the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Ann Matthews, along with their consorts.

Other Vale councillors, both old and new, attended, and there were also representatives from the Prince's Trust, Barry Soroportimists and VCVS.

The highlight of the afternoon came with the cutting of the 10th birthday cake.

Melanie Carter and Steve Thomas, the co-founders of ValePlus, and its current directors, thanked everyone for their help over the past 10 years and pointed out the numerous highlights achieved by the charity.

## Local students get inside track at Hay festival

FIVE Cardiff and Vale College A-level students were selected to attend the Hay Festival as part of the Beacons Project.

The learners won five out of just 13 places available to A-level literature students from across Wales, giving them the opportunity to spend a week at the festival, taking part in creative writing workshops and attending a wide range of festival events.

Cardiff and Vale College students Jac Bryant (17) from Barry; Conor Derbyshire (17) from Llanedeyrn; Alex E Jackson (17) from Radyr; Thomas Clements (18) from Llandaff; and Liam Hemmings (19) from

Penarth, took part in events aimed at encouraging their creativity and linking the landscape and environment of the Beacons to art and literature.

Liam said: "It meant a lot to be selected for The Beacons Project as I have been writing poetry for a few years now and it's nice to get recognised. It took me seven hours of non-stop typing to get the collection of poems finished, so it shows my hard work has paid off."

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## Lara tells of 'amazing day'



ABOVE: Local health worker Lara Cowpe carries the Olympic torch through Barry.

A LOCAL health worker who has raised tens of thousands of pounds to help fund children's cancer care said becoming a part of the UK's Olympic history "was one of the greatest days of my life".

Lara Cowpe was up at 3am to prepare for her part in Olympic history as she carried the torch through the streets of Barry.

The occupational therapist with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board said it was an inspiring, amazing and memorable day.

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## Cardiff and Vale College students raise cash for the Amelia Trust Farm



PICTURED: Bro Morgannwg hair and beauty Learning Pathways students with Lorraine Brown of the Amelia Trust Farm, and hair and beauty lecturer Nicola Buttle.

**CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE** hair and beauty students recently raised almost £140 for local charity the Amelia Trust Farm.

The students, who come in to the college from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg as part of the Learning Pathways initiative, raised the money during a St David's Fun Day held at the college's Colcot Road site.

They gave students temporary dragon tattoos, hair dressing and nail decoration in return for donations to charity.

Hair and beauty lecturer Nicola Buttle handed over a cheque for £139 to Amelia Trust Farm director Lorraine Brown.

"It is good experience for the students to come in from school and get some experience of college life," Nicola said. "They had a really good time while raising money for charity."

Amelia Trust Farm director Lorraine Brown said: "It's wonderful to see groups engaging in skills that will take them forward in their careers, and for them to use it to raise money for charity is highly commendable."

"The Amelia Trust Farm relies completely on good will and donations and has no core funding, so we're really grateful for this charitable donation."

## Cosmetic surgery advice available

**A SERIES of cosmetic and weight loss surgery open evenings are taking place at the Vale Hospital.**

Cosmetic surgery evenings will be on Tuesday, July 17 at 6.30pm, and on Tuesday, August 7 at 6.30pm.

There will be information on all cosmetic surgery including: breast augmentation, breast uplift, breast reduction, face lift, rhinoplasty, elepharoplasty, abdominoplasty and all other procedures.

An evening giving information on weight loss surgery will take

place on Thursday, July 19 at 6.30pm.

Surgery options include gastric balloon, gastric band and gastric sleeve treatments.

The Vale Hospital is just off J34 of the M4.

The event will provide an opportunity to hear specialist consultant surgeons talk about the procedures, and the kind of things to consider if thinking about cosmetic or weight loss surgery.

The evening will also give a 10-15 minute advice session with one of the surgeons, completely free of charge.

To book a place, contact Laura Dunning on 01443 449 272.

## 'ADOPT WITH CONFIDENCE'

**CATS Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre has introduced an 'adopt with confidence' pledge so that prospective owners can be confident that any cat adopted from the charity has benefited from the highest standards of care.**

This comes at a time when more pets than ever are being given up due to the economic climate, which puts a massive strain on the centre.

Some owners who have lost their jobs simply can't afford to keep their cats or have had to move into rented accommodation where pets are not allowed, so the charity has found itself dealing with more unwanted cats than ever.

A spokesperson said: "In these difficult times, we are encouraging people to come to us as their first port of call when looking for a new pet, as we have up to 40 healthy, affectionate cats that would really benefit from a loving home."

"Owners adopting from Cats Protection have the peace of mind that their cat will have been examined by a veterinary surgeon, microchipped, vaccinated, neutered if old enough, and will also

come with four weeks' free insurance."

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# WARTIME WEEKEND, BARRY

## LIVING HISTORY • JUNE 16-17, 2012



## 70th anniversary of US troops celebrated this weekend in Barry

THE Americans are coming – and you can join them at the Wartime Weekend on Barry Waterfront and Barry Island Station this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17.

The events run from 10am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday.

Barry at War Group, in partnership with Barry Tourist Railway, St Cyres School and the Vale Council, have enabled the 'Wartime Weekend' living history and commemorative event in Barry to be staged.

The event commemorates the 70th anniversary of US troops coming to the town as part of the build up for the liberation of Europe.

It features an Allied encampment at Hood Road, with Barry Island Railway Station being transformed into a civilian home front living history area, complete with appropriate themed stalls and entertainment.

The weekend promises to provide the public with a fascinating glimpse of our 1940s past.

Local historian and St Cyres headteacher, Dr Jonathan Hicks, told The GEM: "Scores of Allied military re-enactors will be setting up an authentic WWII American camp and



staging displays.

"Barry Island Station will be transformed into a 1940s station, complete with wartime police and the Home Guard, to portray the Barry Home Front.

"A wartime housewife will teach people how to 'make do and mend', a skill so essential during wartime."

Other educational living history displays will be housed at the station, along with an exhibition on the area during the Second World War.

Dr Hicks explained: "Barry Tourist Railway is providing steam train rides from the Waterfront Halt at Hood Road in Barry to Barry Island Station.

"Barry Docks was a major supply port in the build up to D-Day. There will be 1940s-style live entertainment and a live radio broadcast.

"The children from seven local primary schools in Barry and Penarth are to play the



Prepare for Barry to jump back in time to the 1940s during the Wartime Weekend...

role of wartime evacuees. Dressed in 1940s costumes, they will board a steam train from Barry Waterfront and be 'evacuated' to Barry Island Station where they will be given refreshments and view the various events due to take place on Barry Island Station before being transported back to their parents."

Ade Pitman of the Barry at War Group said: "We felt as a group that it was time to recall the service of these

brave men and women who came across the Atlantic to help us in our fight against Nazi Germany.

"Many of them did not survive the war to return to the country of their birth. They had a huge impact on the people of the area and its economy.

"We intend to have a WW2 American military convoy pass through the area on the Friday afternoon which would be an amazing sight after 70 years."

## THE BARRY BLITZ – AIR RAIDS OF WWII

RIGHT:

There will be re-enactments of how German Luftwaffe bombs were diffused given by the 25th Bomb Disposal Company of the Royal Engineers (a WWII re-enactment group from Hampshire).

WHILE it was the servicemen and women from Barry who served during the Second World War who were in the front line in the campaigns against the Axis forces, the civilians who were left in Barry, also faced their own dangers from the enemy – in this instance, the German Luftwaffe.

With air raids imminent, advice was given to Barry residents in May 1940 regarding the types of shelter available: "Steel Garden Shelters will not give full protection without adequate earth covering, which should be at least 15 inches thick on top and 30 inches thick at the sides.

"An earth mound not less than 30 inches thick (or boxes filled with earth) should protect the entrance to a shelter against blast and splinters. This is not necessary if the shelter is facing and within 15ft of a substantial wall.

"Public shelters are primarily intended for people caught in the streets in an air raid. People in houses should stay there."

By the following month, it was becoming clear that the number of public shelters – 13 – was inadequate, and this was to be increased to 21.

Among the ideas proposed was the building of eight new shelters at the bottom of Vere Street, in between George and Digby Streets, one near the Air Raid Precaution control centre on the allotments near the abattoirs, one at the junction of Cemetery and Barry Roads, one at the top of Tynwydd Hill, one on Great Western Railway land opposite Trinity Street, one in Alexandra Gardens, one of the Castle Farm buildings Garden Suburb, and one on the corner of the Parade Gardens.

In total, 390 brick shelters were to be delivered to Barry for erection in parts of the town where it was impossible to dig deep enough to erect Anderson shelters.

The call went out as well for men over the age of 45 and 'active women' to be trained as fire-fighters in the use of stirrup hand pumps, in order to protect local houses against incendiary bombs.

The 25th Bomb Disposal Company of the Royal Engineers, a WWII re-enactment group based in Hampshire, will be providing set-piece scenarios and demonstrations to show visitors how the German Luftwaffe bombs were defused.

Dr JONATHAN HICKS



## Memorial plaque is to be unveiled

AT 11am, tomorrow, Friday, June 15, the forthcoming 'Wartime Weekend' on Barry Waterfront will get off to a memorable start when a marble plaque dedicated to the American troops who were stationed in and around Barry during the Second World War will be unveiled on King Square.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, who has led the project, said: "We are very grateful to the Vale Council for granting permission for this plaque to be placed and to AG Adams and Son for sponsoring and producing it.

"Without their assistance, this unique event would not be taking place.

"Thousands of GIs were stationed in Barry and its adjoining localities during World War II and we wanted to remember that fact with a permanent memorial.

"The plaque will be unveiled by the new county and town mayors during a ceremony carried out in the presence of representatives of the US Military."

Dr Hicks added: "It will be a lasting reminder to those young men and women who made such an impact on the local community. We should never forget that many of them were never to return to the country of their birth."

The Wartime Weekend will see scores of American and British re-enactors stage 'living history' with period uniforms and costumes, military vehicles, a replica Spitfire fighter and steam train rides. Bro Radio and St Cyres Sound will be staging live broadcasts from the sites.

The gates open at 10am. Full details are at: [www.wartimeweekend.co.uk](http://www.wartimeweekend.co.uk).

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Eric Hacker, would like to wish everyone involved with the Barry Wartime Weekend a successful event.



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## Come and meet the real Dad's Army – THE GLAMORGAN HOME GUARD!

**P**OSTED for the weekend at Barry Island Station, the re-enactors of the Glamorgan Home Guard will be demonstrating to the public the role of the real Dad's Army during World War Two.

The group was featured in the recent BBC series 'The Coal House at War', and was formed several years ago to honour the people who were prepared to give up so much during that dramatic period in our history.

The Home Guard (initially 'Local Defence Volunteers', or LDV, or in humorous slang, Look, Duck, Vanish, hence the name change) was a defence organisation of the British Army during the Second World War.

Operational from 1940 until 1944, the Home Guard – comprising 1.5 million local volunteers otherwise ineligible for military service, usually owing to age, hence the nickname 'Dad's Army' – acted as a secondary defence force in case of invasion by the forces of Nazi Germany and their allies.

The Home Guard manned the coastal areas of Britain and other important places such as airfields, factories and explosives



**ABOVE:**  
*The Glamorgan Home Guard.*

stores. The biggest fear was not enemy bombing, but that saboteurs would infiltrate the site and plant explosives, which would have been catastrophic, both in terms of damage and loss of life, but also as a setback to the war effort.

They were responsible for duties such as guarding the Royal Ordnance Factory at Bridgend and Barry Docks.

Pillboxes were each manned by either two or four Home Guards

depending on the size and design. Each box had either a Corporal or a Sergeant in charge. It was common for a Sergeant to take responsibility for overseeing three boxes and a Corporal two boxes.

However, following the successful landings in France and the drive towards Germany by the Allies, the Home Guard were formally stood down on December 3, 1944 and finally disbanded on December 31, 1945.

*Dr Jonathan Hicks*

## Keeping the troops supplied



*The 514th re-enactment group.*

**B**ARRY Docks was a major supply port for the invasion of Normandy and the 514th Q M Truck Regiment, a group of re-enactors based in southern England, will be attending the Wartime Weekend, bringing with them six GMC trucks, authentic survivors of the Second World War.

Lovingly restored to their former glory, these American trucks will give an even greater authentic flavour to the event.

In the winter of 1943, the 514th were shipped to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. This was a transfer station to the ETO (European Theatre of Operations), and a few days later they boarded ships in New York for the nine-day journey to Liverpool, England.

Britain was preparing for the invasion of France with more than a million American GIs camped at bases throughout the country.

To maintain this massive fighting force more than five million long tons of supplies had been landed, and the men of the 514th imme-

diately went to work as they hauled material from depots to ports and vice versa.

Many of the Companies of the 514th were based on the south coast in Somerset and Dorset. These were at Sandbanks, near Poole, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Dorchester, Maiden Newton, Rimpton, Piddletrenthide, Compton Valence, Westbury and Heytesbury.

The drivers spent a lot of time delivering supplies along the south coast to the units such as the famous 29th infantry, along with others, in preparation for D-Day.

In early July 1944 the truck Companies of the 514th started to make it across the English Channel and landed on Utah and Omaha beaches at night.

When the ramp went down on one landing craft at Utah, James Rookard's truck lurched forward across the deck and into the water. No headlights were permitted and soon the bumper of Rookard's truck disappeared into the channel and seawater rose over the running boards and into the cab.

It seemed like miles to the beach and he knew that if the truck stalled he would have to swim to shore and he had no idea how far that was, and who or what was out there. Dark images of American



troops moving about on the beach suddenly appeared. He was startled by sudden flashes lighting the horizon.

The bursts of light came from American and German artillery that fired at each other, and Rookard knew that the front was not far away.

The drivers were frightened and with good reason, for the loads they were carrying contained ammunition and jerry cans filled with gasoline.

The trucks were motorised bombs waiting for a spark and in some places the front was only five miles away.

On July 18, 1944, the

3rd Army set up a transport depot at Bricquebec entitled the 514th Quartermaster Group. One month later,

the trucks would start the gigantic supply train known as the Red Ball Express.

*Dr Jonathan Hicks*

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# Out and About with The GEM

## WHAT'S ON, WHERE, AND WHEN...

### Valeways walk

Today (June 14) at 10.30am, 'Into the Setting Sun,' meeting at Llantwit Major beach car park.

### Elder abuse awareness

VALE Older People's Strategy Forum will host an event to raise awareness of abuse, as part of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15 at Central Library, King's Square, Barry, from 9.15am-3pm.

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, will attend at 10.15am, followed by Vale MP Alun Cairns at 12.15pm.

### Summer fete

MAES Dyfan Special School will be holding

its annual summer fete at the school from 1pm on Friday, June 15: barbecue, book/clothes/cakes/jewellery stalls, bouncy castle, etc. All welcome; entry 20p.

### Quiz time

A QUIZ will be held in aid of the National Eisteddfod at St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, on Saturday (June 16) at 7pm.

Tickets £6, to include light refreshment. Bring your own wine. This is an English language event.

**Advice surgery**  
DYFAN Labour councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will be holding a drop-in advice surgery for residents of Dyfan Ward on Saturday, June 16, at the

Buttrills Community Centre, Barry, from 11am to 12 noon. No appointment needed.

### Councillors' surgery

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Buttrills ward, Barry, Stuart Egan and Pam Drake, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, June 16, from 10.30am to 12 noon in Barry Town Council Offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA. No appointment necessary.

### Ward advice

COUNS Bronwen Brooks and Jeff Evans will be holding an advice surgery for Court Ward in Maes Dyfan School at 10.30am on Saturday, June 16, to discuss any concerns or issues.

Contact Bronwen Brooks on 07325 158391.

### Eisteddfod benefits

EISTEDDFOD fundraising events will take place as follows.

Sunday, June 17: Mid Summer Garden Party - Old Froglands, Llanmaes, CF61 2XR 3pm-6pm.

Pimms and cream tea; music by Cardiff Style, barber shop chorus and Gwyn Morgan, pianist. Tickets £10 per person. Contact 01446 796676.

Saturday July 7:

Tastes of Wales, dinner - Fine food in the tranquil setting of West House Country Hotel, Llantwit Major. A delicious six-course menu using locally-sourced foods and Patagonian wines.

Price per person £40, to include welcome drink and light entertainment.

Tickets from West House Hotel on 01446 796147.

**Zumba Gold AGE CONCERN**  
Cardiff and the Vale will hold a new Zumba Gold class at Barry Memorial Hall from Monday, June 18 at 11.30am-12.15pm.

Organised by the Ageing Well Project in Barry, this form of Zumba suits active older people.

For further information, telephone 01446 732385.

**Diabetes talk**  
DIABETES UK's Vale of Glamorgan voluntary group will hold a meeting on June 19 in the board room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm.

The speaker is Mrs Rachel Smart, a Vale dietician and new members/friends are welcome. Call 01446 746639.

**Fly a kite!**  
ART4U will be holding its annual 'celebration of the skies', a kite flying event to celebrate the Summer Solstice

(June 21) at the Knap, Barry, from 6pm.

For more information, visit [www.art4uwales.org.uk](http://www.art4uwales.org.uk)

### Artist's demo

ON June 21, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Pembrokehire artist Graham Hadlow, who will give a watercolour demonstration. Mr Hadlow was head of art and design at Greenhill Comprehensive School, Tenby.

Visitors are welcome at meetings held at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, on Thursday evenings (7pm-9pm).

For further information, see [www.cowbridgeartsociety.com](http://www.cowbridgeartsociety.com).

**Organ concert**  
WELL-known Cardiff organist Brian Williams will give an organ concert at Barry's St Pauls Church on June 21 at 7pm.

The programme will include the Grand March from *Aida*, Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov, the Flower Song from *Carmen*, a March Finale and other light music items.

Tickets, £5 (£3 for senior citizens) and young people under 18 invited free.

Brian Williams is giving his services completely free and proceeds go to charity.

Tickets are available from the Silver Star decorating and DIY store at Barry Docks, from the churches of St Paul and Merthyr Dyfan, or pay at the door, on the evening.

### Sully art exhibition

SULLY Painting Group will be holding its annual art exhibition in the Jubilee Hall, off Smithies Avenue, Sully, on Friday, June 22, from 6pm-9pm and June 23 from 10am-6pm.

A percentage of sales, as well as general income from the exhibition, will be donated to Ty Hafan children's hospice and the Alzheimer's Society.

**Scout fete**  
PROGRAMMES have gone on sale for the 59th Barry District Scout and Guide annual fete at Romilly Park on Saturday, July 7.

It will feature Gerard Naprous and the Devil's Horsemen, along with the usual Scout and Guide arena events.

For further information, contact the website at [www.barryscouts.org](http://www.barryscouts.org)

## Barry concert for brave little Daniel

Music students and associates of two local teachers, Jo Weaving and Sara Ghazi-Torbati, are coming together for a special concert on June 30 in Barry, for the Daniel Downton Cwtch Fund.

Days before Christmas 2011, two-year-old Daniel was diagnosed with a rare, malignant tumour at the top of his spine.

Money raised will be used to support Daniel and his family during his treatment, as well as supporting LATCH and CLIC



DANIEL DOWNTON

Sargent, who have been assisting and supporting the family.

Jo explains: "I run Musical Minis and Daniel has been attending classes with

his mum since he was tiny. I have two young children myself and I can't begin to imagine what Daniel and his family are going through."

The concert hosts many talented young musicians, including pianists, singers, classical guitar, woodwind and brass. Jo and Sara will also be taking part on Saturday, June 30, at the Highlight Park Community Centre in Barry from 7pm.

Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets are £4 each, (£2.50 for under-16s). Call Jo on 01446 733788 or email [joweaving@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joweaving@yahoo.co.uk)

## COUNCIL HANDS OVER THE CROWN TO EISTEDDFOD



ABOVE;

As previously reported in The GEM, the Vale Council has donated this year's Eisteddfod Crown, and at a recent ceremony it was officially handed over to the chair of the Vale Eisteddfod executive committee, Dylan Jones, by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker. The crown was designed and created by a local artist, Anne Morgan of Penarth.

## Welsh country fair

SET in the picturesque grounds of Fommon Castle, on June 30 and July 1, the Welsh Summer Country Fair and Food Festival will be celebrating in style, with award winning food, real ales, cider and fine wines - as well as a fine selection of hand-crafted unique jewellery, accessories and fashion.

With more than 80 stands allocated, two of the newest contributors are Hannah Alyward, from The Old Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge, with her brand new business Deliberately Scrumptious.

Llantwit Major-based company Wink, is owned by artist Lea Reynolds, who upcycles and specialises in all things vintage - including sock monkeys - made using the Original Rockford Red Heel Socks. (Sock monkeys date back to the late 1800s, when children's toys were fashioned from long-lasting Rockford work socks).

The elegant castle rooms will be open for cream teas, as will the gardens for a leisurely stroll, and there will be food talks, wine tastings and demonstrations, a champagne marquee and live music.

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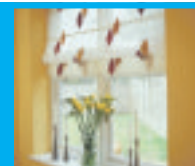
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## Local garden owners keen to get involved in national scheme

**THE National Gardens Scheme aims to raise money for charity by opening up local gardens across the nation.**

For a small charge, owners are pleased to allow people to view the picturesque creations and spaces that surround their houses – and people in the Vale are taking part enthusiastically.

Stallcourt Mews in Cowbridge, which features a front terraced courtyard garden and a side and rear sloping garden with a stream and ponds, recently opened to visitors. Mike Wilcock captured some images of the day.

Visitors and groups are welcome by appointment at Stallcourt Mews (see pictures, right). Dick and Beverly Tonkin can be contacted on 01446 772704.

### Open this Sunday!

THE following gardens will be open this Sunday, (June 17).

**Greenfields, Newport Road,**

**St Mellons, Cardiff.**

This 3/4-acre garden includes a cottage-style front garden with herbaceous and wild areas, a pergola, vista to a formal pond and beyond, a knot garden and water feature. There's a terraced, rear garden with shady areas and views of Bristol Channel leading to parterre style kitchen garden and fruit cage.

Open: 12.30pm-5.30pm, admission £3.

**Pentyrch Gardens, Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9QD**

A GROUP of five gardens offering something to suit all interests.

**Maes-Y-Gof:** Medium sized cottage garden with exuberantly planted herbaceous borders, roses, clematis, ferns and palms.

**5 Dan Y Rodin:** Quirky use of recycling and encourages all wildlife: class winner Cardiff in Bloom.

**9 Heol-Y-Pentre:** Corner plot with perennial borders and acers. Climbers and small gravel gar-

den. A class winner in Cardiff in Bloom.

**2 Penmaes:** Small packed garden with roses, clematis and fuchsia. Full of colour and scent, peaceful to sit in, and a new water feature.

**Sunny Bank:** 200-year-old cottage with a wisteria-covered veranda, formal terrace and informal garden. It also has a pond with bridge leading to a summerhouse. Tries to be as organic as possible.

Open: 12 noon-5pm, admission £5.

**Ty Deri, 1 Tyn-y-Coed Road, Pentyrch, CF15 9NP** will be open on June 20, 25 and August 26 from 11am-6pm.

Award winning garden with specimen trees, water feature surrounded by seasonal herbaceous borders.

Rear garden includes unusual plants, raised vegetable beds, large fruit cage and greenhouse. New – a beehive. Admission £3.

## Idyllic retreats are waiting to be discovered by public

**IMAGES by MIKE WILCOCK of Stallcourt Mews, Cowbridge**

THE National Gardens Scheme is celebrating its 85th anniversary, with over 3,800 gardens across England and Wales opening up to the public in return for a small fee to be donated to charity.

In the past 10 years alone, the scheme has donated £22 million to nursing, caring and gardening charities.

More than 80 gardens will be opened up across Glamorgan and, as these photographs by GEM photographer Mike Wilcock show, plenty of idyllic retreats are waiting to be discovered.



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## GREEN-FINGERED PUPILS AT YSGOL SANT CURIG GET BUSY!

**CHILDREN** from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig were busy last week gardening and using their new greenhouse, a recent donation from Dow Corning Barry.

It was erected by local building company RJC in The Wild Garden at the school.

Mrs Meriel Jones, who is in charge of the day-to-day care of the Wild Garden, acknowledged: "I'm very grateful to both Dow Corning and RJC for their extremely kind involvement and contributions. The children are so very happy that they now have a place for their seedlings to grow."

Roedd plant Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig yn brysur yr wythnos hon yn gartio ac yn defnyddio eu Ty Gwydr newydd, oedd yn rodd diweddar gan gwmni Dow Corning, Y Barri.

Ynghyd â'r rhodd hael yma, daeth cwmni adeiladu lleol, RJC, draw i roi eu hamser gwaith er mwyn codi'r ty gwydr yng ngardd wyllt yr ysgol.

Dywedodd Mr Rob Turner o RJC Plastering & Building: "Roeddwn yn falch iawn o fod wedi gallu helpu wrth roi fy ngwasanaeth i Ysgol leol fel Sant Curig."

Cafwyd croeso mawr i sylwadau Mr Turner gan Mrs Meriel Jones sydd yn gofalu am yr Ardd Wyllt gan gydnabod: "Rwy'n ddolchgar iawn i Dow Corning ac RJC am eu hymrwymiad a'u cyfraniad eithriadol o hael. Mae'r plant mor hapus bod ganddyn nhw le i'w planhigion ieuanc dyfu."

## Local gardens will be opened up to visitors



**ABOVE:**

*The Heronsbridge pupils at work in their garden.*

**THE open garden scheme will feature some interesting local gardens over the weekend of June 23-24.**

**Penarth Gardens, CF64 2SR**

Witsend and Honeysuckle Cottage are two small, pretty gardens maximising their limited space.

Witsend has three linked areas - cottage-style front with paved and gravelled path, shrubs and perennials, vegetable side plot with apple trees and a courtyard rear garden with pear trees and frog pond. Honeysuckle Cottage has a small cottage-style front and secluded well-

stocked rear garden with roses, honeysuckle and sweet peas, along with seating areas.

Open: Saturday, June 23 (11am-5pm), admission £3.

**Heronsbridge School, Bridgend.**

This special needs school won a silver award at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2011.

It has a sensory kitchen garden and formal gardens, and a heritage orchard, with swings and a willow tunnel.

Open: Sunday, June 24 (12pm-4pm), admission £3.

**Castle upon Alun House, St Brides Major.**

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enclave, including a two-acre walled garden which was redesigned and replanted from 1998.

There are rose walks, herbaceous borders, extensive lawns and an ornamental pond garden. Good trees. Roses are a specialty.

Open: Sunday, June 24 (1pm-6pm), admission £5.

**Colwinston Village Gardens, Colwinston.** Visit around eight contrasting borders, from formal to cottage and productive vegetable gardens.

Several of the gardens have delightful S-facing views over the surrounding countryside.

Chapel Cottage has wonderful terraces of roses, geraniums and lavender.

Cynna House has a large south-facing garden with mature shrubs, borders, vegetable plot and a paddock leading to a baptism pool.

No3, Maes y Bryn is an old fashioned vegetable garden which is highly productive. Nurtured for many years by its 91-year-old owner!

No8, Maes y Bryn is a cottage garden with a variety of flowerbeds, perennials, a small vegetable plot and greenhouse.

Sunnybank Cottage is small and intimate and Sycamore Hill's mature garden has extensive views.

Rosewood Lodge is a well laid-out garden on different levels, thickly planted with a variety of shrubs and trees and offering extensive views.

The Village Farmhouse is a well laid-out cottage-style garden with vegetable plot, pond and bowls area.

Open: Sunday, June 24 (2pm-6pm), admission £5.

## More than just a stroll through a country garden...



**ABOVE:**

*At a recent open day, entertainment was provided for visitors to the private gardens.*

**Images of Stallcourt Mews by MIKE WILCOCK**



**WITH the National Garden Scheme returning for 2012, the general public not only has the opportunity to see some of the lesser known gardens of Wales, but also to be entertained at the same time.**

If readers decide to pop in to visit one of more than 80 local gardens open to the public over the summer months, they will often find entertainment and refreshment laid on for their enjoyment, in return for a small fee to be donated to charity.

GEM photographer Mike Wilcock dropped in to visit Stallcourt Mews where plant and cake stalls were provided, and a folk band played for visitors.



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# Transform the outside of your house and make it attractive for years to come

**I**F your home has a painted exterior, it won't stay looking good forever because, inevitably, the elements take their toll on its appearance.

The easiest way to give it a new look is to paint it a different colour – make sure you use a high-quality masonry paint, such as those by Dulux or Sandtex – but even if you're happy with the existing colour, repainting it can work wonders.

Discoloured, peeling and patchy paint isn't pretty or practical and could lead to damage that's expensive to repair.

While you can rarely be as adventurous with the colours you use on the outside of your home as the inside, you don't have to restrict yourself to just white, cream or magnolia.

However, you do need to consider what will go with your neighbours' houses, if there are any restrictions imposed by your local council on the colours you can use and what suits the style and period of the building.

For some homes, though, a lick of paint won't

by **JULIA GREY**

go far enough – only a radical makeover will do.

Sadly, the latter decades of the 20th century weren't our finest in terms of architecture, and some homes from the 1950s onwards leave a lot to be desired in terms of beauty.

If your home is among those that aesthetics forgot, an architect or specialist company will be able to help you transform the exterior.

They should come up with a solution tailored to your home (detached houses are the best candidates because you don't have an adjoining reminder of the old look), but one idea that works well is rendering and/or cladding (with wood or faux-wood panelling) all or some of the exterior.

This can make a massive difference, as can things like replacing the windows and doors, adding balconies and extensions, and retiling the roof.

Adding dormer windows and replacing unattractive concrete roof tiles with slate ones can go a long way to giving your home character and kerb appeal.

## FRONT DOOR

In fact, exteriors can be transformed beyond recognition and while this type of work often isn't cheap, it will certainly add value and make your home more attractive and sellable.

Research by Sandtex found that homebuyers are impressed by smartly painted walls and a well-kept front door.

Before you start changing the exterior, check with your local council whether planning permission is required and whether building regulations apply.

The area in which you live, as well as the type of building (listed buildings often cannot be altered without listed building consent from the council) can affect your plans.

The rules are stricter

for 'designated land', which includes conservation areas, so you may not be able to do what you want with your home's exterior – the council will be able to tell you.

Occasionally, you may need a party wall agreement with your neighbours for exterior work, if it involves a shared boundary.

And if your home is leasehold, you'll probably need the permission of the freeholder, even if you're only changing the appearance of your part of the building.

## HIGH QUALITY

The problem with altering the outside of your home, especially the front, is that any changes you make will be obvious for all to see, so don't do anything you shouldn't because you could get into trouble.

Get a high quality masonry paint so you won't

have to worry about redoing the job any time soon. It should be dirt resistant, breathable, flexible and waterproof.

When painting the outside of your home, start at the top and work down, painting in sections from left to right or right to left.

Try to ensure that you always have a 'wet edge' to your paintwork, so you don't end up with stripes or blocks where the paint has dried unevenly.

Follow the sun, as this will ensure that the walls are free from dew, and don't paint in direct sunlight on hot days because this can lead to blistering when the paint dries.

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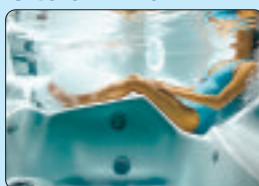
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# EISTEDDFOD PLAN TO KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING!

WITH little less than two months to go before the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod, organisers have published details of the traffic management system for the week.

The aim of the scheme is to strive to ensure that traffic runs as smoothly as possible during an exceptionally busy week, making it easy for visitors to reach the Eisteddfod and that local residents are disrupted as little as possible as they travel around the area.

The Eisteddfod has worked with a number of organisations and agencies over the past few months, and the published scheme is a partnership between the Eisteddfod, South Wales Police and the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Festival Technical Director, Alan Gwynant, says: "Our priority every year is to try and ensure that traffic runs as smoothly as possible throughout the week, and that the huge influx of visitors doesn't affect local people too much."

"Once again this year, we are encouraging everyone to follow the signs and to read the instructions on how to arrive."

"There are a number of narrow lanes around Llandow, and we are keen to ensure that people avoid these at all costs to reach the Maes as this will create problems."

"It is very important to follow the traffic system - even if you know the area. We have been working on the plan for many months and believe that this is the best way to try and ensure that there are no major traffic issues during Eisteddfod week."

From the west, traffic will be diverted off the M4 via junction 35 (Pencoed), and then via Ewenny and the coast road, approaching the south car park, and turning left into the car park. This will serve traffic approaching from Swansea, Carmarthen, Aberystwyth etc.

From the east, traffic will be diverted off the M4 via J32, A4232 to Culverhouse Cross, and then via Barry, St Athan and Llantwit Major. Traffic will then enter the north car park via a left turn. This will serve traffic approaching from Cardiff, the Valleys and the East.

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and/or A49 using M4, then as for east)

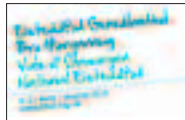
Caravans will be advised, via pre-arrival information, to follow the above route. Coaches are advised to follow the above routes, although they will follow a dedicated system once they approach the site. A special area will be set aside for parking of coaches near to the main entrance.

Disabled visitors should follow the designated signs which will lead them to the north car park from all directions. Disabled parking is situated close to the main entrance.

Welsh phrase of the week / Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

Beth ydy ..... yn Gymraeg? (Beth ud-ee ..... un Gum-ryeg?), which means: "What is ..... in Welsh?"

GYDAG ychydig llai na deufis i fynd tan Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg erbyn hyn, mae'r Trefnwyr wedi cyhoeddi manylion y cynllun



## trafnidiaeth ar gyfer yr wythnos.

Bwriad y cynllun yw ceisio sicrhau bod traf-fyg yn llifo'n esmwyth yn ystod wythnos eithriadol brysyr yn lleol, gan ei gwneud yn hawdd i ymwelwyr gyrraedd yr Eisteddfod, a chan geisio sicrhau nad yw'r Brifwyl yn effeithio ar drefniadau teithio trigolion lleol sy'n mynd i'w gwaith ac yn teithio o gwmpas yr ardal fel arfer.

Bu'r Eisteddfod yn trafod y cynllun gyda nifer o gyrff ac asiantaethau am fisoedd lawer, ac mae'r cynllun sydd wedi'i gyhoeddi yn bartneriaeth rhwng yr Eisteddfod, Heddlu De Cymru a Chyngor Bro Morgannwg.

Meddai Cyfarwyddwr Technegol yr Eisteddfod, Alan Gwynant, "Ein blaenoriaeth bob blwyddyn yw ceisio sicrhau bod y

traffig yn llifo'n hwylys drwy gydol yr wythnos, ac nad yw'r mewnlif o ymwelwyr yn effeithio gormod ar drefniadau trigolion lleol.

Unwaith eto eleni, rydym yn annog pawb i ddilyn yr arwyddion ac i ddarllen y cyfarwyddiadau - ac mae hyn yn cynnwys pobl leol.

Mae nifer o ffyrdd digon cul o amgylch Llandow, a rydym yn awyddus i sicrhau nad yw pobl yn eu defnyddio i gyrraedd y Maes gan y bydd hyn yn sicrhau greu problemau. Mae'n bwysig iawn dilyn y system trafniadaeth - hyd yn oed os ydych chi'n adnabod yr ardal.

Rydym wedi bod yn gweithio ar y cynllun ers misoedd lawer ac yn credu mai dyma'r ffyrdd orau i sicrhau nad oes unrhyw broblemau mawr yn ystod wythnos yr Eisteddfod."

Wrth deithio o'r gorllewin, bydd ceir yn cael eu cyfeirio oddi ar dffordd yr M4 ar gyffordd 35 Pencoed gan fynd trwy Ewenni a'r ffordd arfordol i ddod i faes parcio 1 gan droi

i'r chwith yn y fynedfa. Bydd y maes parcio yma ar gyfer trafniadaeth o'r gorllewin, o ardaloedd fel Abertawe, Caerfyrddin ac Aberystwyth.

Wrth deithio o'r dwyrain, bydd ceir yn cael eu cyfeirio oddi ar gyffordd 32 yr M4, yna yr A232 i Groes Cwrlwys, Caerdydd ac yna am Y Barri, Saint Athan a Llanilltud Fawr. Bydd y ceir yma'n cael eu cyfeirio i faes parcio 2 gan droi i'r chwith. Dyma'r maes parcio ar gyfer trafniadaeth o Gaerdydd, y Cymoedd a'r Dwyrain.

Wrth deithio o ogledd Cymru, bydd ceir yn dilyn yr A470 a neu A49 i'r M4 ac yna i gyffordd 32 ac yna fel trafniadaeth y dwyrain uchod.

Bydd y rhai sydd yn aros ar y maes carafanau yn derbyn cyfarwyddiadau arbenig yn eu pecynnau. Bydd bysiau yn dilyn y systemau uchod ond yn dilyn arwyddion manylach wrth ddod i gyrion Maes yr Eisteddfod.

Bydd maes parcio penodol ar dir caled ar gyfer y bysiau yn agos i'r Ganolfan Groeso.

Dylai ymwelwyr anabl ddilyn yr arwyddion penodedig a fydd yn eu harwain i faes parcio 2 o bob cyfeiriad. Mae maes parcio anabl wrth ymyl y brif fynedfa.

AC os yw'r holl sôn am system trafniadaeth a'r meysydd parcio yn gwneud i'r Eisteddfod ymddangos yn agos, beth am dreulio'r wythnosau nesaf yn ail-fyw rhai o uchafbwyntiau Eisteddfod?

Nos Fawrth 12 mehefin, mae cyfres newydd yn cychwyn ar S4C - Pethe y Babell Lén. Dros y chwe wythnos nesaf, bydd cyfyle i ail-fyw rhai o sesiynau gorau'r Babell Lén, neu i'w mwynhau am y tro cyntaf os oeddech chi'n crwydro'r Maes yn ystod yr wythnos.

Bydd y gyfres yn cychwyn gyda chyfyle i fwynhau rhaglen deyrnged i Gwilym Owen, 'Dowch, dowch...Gwilym Owen!' Gyda'r darlledwr uni-gryw'n ymdeol fel cyfwynydd 'Wythnos Gwilym Owen', cafwyd cyle i holi a stilio, procio a phryfocio'r dyn ei hun yn y Babell Lén y llynedd, gyda Guto Harri'n cadeirio'r cyfan.

Cyfle i fwynhau y ddarlith lenyddol y cawn yn ail raglen y gyfres, ond nid darlith lenyddol arferol mo hon. Yn hytrach, bydd Geraint H Jenkins yn olrhain hanes Leigh Richmond Roose, gol-gidwad mwyaf rhyfeddol ei ddydd yn yr oes Edwardaidd, ac un a gollodd ei fywyd, fel Hedd Wyn, ar faes y gad yn y Rhyfel Mawr.

Bydd y drydedd raglen yn sicrhau apelio at selogion y Babell Lén - ac yn siwr o ddenu cynulleidfia newydd i'r adeilad eleni, wrth i ni fwynhau sesiwn Emlyn Richards am Amaethyddiaeth ym Môn. Roedd y Babell dan ei sang a phawb yn chwethrin wrth fwynhau profiadun a sylwadau doniol un o ffeifrynau mawr yr Eisteddfod.

Yn nes ymlaen yn y gyfres chwe rhaglen, bydd cyfyle hefyd i fwynhau M Wyn Thomas yn traddodi darlith Goffa Hywel Teifi Edwards, a byddai cyfres am y Babell Lén yn anghyflawn iawn heb Ymryson y Beirdd, felly braf yw nodi bod y beirdd yn cael sylw teilwng cyn diwedd y gyfres.

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## Pegg comedy is not quite Fantastic – but not half bad!

**H**AVING used the likes of *Shaun of the Dead* to springboard himself to Hollywood, Simon Pegg has carved a successful niche in Tinseltown, lining up in the likes of *Tintin* and the latter two *Mission: Impossible* films, making the Brit a major player.

However, Pegg's latest film sees him return to Britain, and low budgets. In *A Fantastic Fear of Everything*, Pegg plays Jack, a writer whose research into serial killers for his latest book has made him a paranoid wreck.

With Jack's life seemingly falling away around him, will he be able to pull things together and turn his life around – or are his fears well founded?

*A Fantastic Fear of Everything* isn't the sort of mainstream fare that you would expect to see Simon Pegg popping up in. The film is a quirky little thing that doesn't lack ambition but does fall a little

short of what it intends to do.

Written and co-directed by Crispian Mills, son of Hayley, grandson of John and singer/guitarist with erstwhile Britpopers Kula Shaker, the film is a particular blend of British comedy, dark-night-of-the-soul horror and just plain bizarreness; easy to categorise it certainly isn't.

But Mills' screenplay has in it the nugget of a story concerning the projection of fears and how they impact upon the lives of those suffering, a noble one no doubt, but one that feels a little smothered beneath everything else that is going on.

Similarly, the film peaks too early, the last third in particular far too desperate to tie everything together into a satisfying whole, which Mills doesn't manage to pull off. It's as if the ideas lacked any definitive resolution, taking the story to a place where, tonally it feels right, but narratively feels forced.

His direction, along with Chris Hopewell, follows a similar tone to the likes of Paul King's *Bunny and The*

*Bull*, the film following a off balanced colour scheme and set in a timeless period that draws influences from several decades.

The composition of the film is well done, giving the film a ragged beauty that sits well with the story, while small detours like a stop-motion tale of a hedgehog merely add to the slightly off kilter mood.

Anchoring it all is a pleasing performance from Simon Pegg, carrying the film pretty much solely on his shoulders and delivering a fine turn.

He has very little heavy lifting to do, even when the film gets dramatic, but offers a satisfying comedic touch, his reactions proving to be hugely amusing, while capturing the jerky paranoia of the character well.

While running out of steam towards the end, the film still offers up the tantalising prospect of more to come from Mills. The influences, while broad (*The Mighty Boosh*) or subtle (*Hammer* horror) are well marshalled, and you feel with more experience that Mills could be an interesting

### SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

voice in cinema. For a first outing, *A Fantastic Fear of Everything* is a pleasant, watchable film that hints at the potential to come.

**VERDICT** – A quirky little animal, *A Fantastic Fear of Everything* is a low-budget delight that doesn't quite have the legs to make it all the way.

Crispian Mills makes a fair debut as a writer and co-director, supported by Simon Pegg's comedic film-carrying turn, and shows that he has plenty of potential.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Bunny and The Bull* (2009), *Submarine* (2011)

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She has competed and won many prizes at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, was a finalist in the 2005 MOCSA Young Welsh Singer of the Year competition, and has performed as a soloist for many ensembles throughout the UK, Prague, Krakow and Budapest.

Proceeds of the event will directly assist in providing training and equipment for many volunteers in the local area.

Mr Colin Jones, the chairman of the St John Council for Cardiff and the Vale, said: "St John's extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in attending the event. They can contact me on 07976 317205." Tickets are £15 per person, and a finger buffet will be provided during the interval.

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**T**HE next few months will be very special for Llantwit Major, and the town will be in the spotlight as never before, as many thousands make plans to visit the area.

The big event, of course, will be in August as the National Eisteddfod of Wales comes to the new showground at Llandow.

This will certainly attract the bulk of new visitors, as more than 100,000 people are expected to attend over the eight days (August

4-11).

With the Eisteddfod in mind, a number of town improvement schemes were implemented in recent years, and as a result, the Mayor of Llantwit, Coun Ann Matthews, feels the town will be looking its best.

She said: "I would welcome any new visitor to the town and I hope that they will take the chance to enjoy the area – not just the historic old town with its ancient buildings, but the Heritage Coast as well."

"The town hall has a great deal of information that is very useful

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

for visitors, including the blue plaque historical trail and details of local walks."

She added that, during Eisteddfod week, a Welsh-speaking assistant will be in the town hall daily to offer advice.

One town improvement scheme that arrived at just the right time is the Boverton Road Regeneration Scheme, which has improved the look of the shopping precinct in the commercial centre of the town.

Coun Matthews said that this had definitely made a difference to the appearance of the town.

The Eisteddfod, of course, is not the only big event in the near future.

In recent years, the

local Lions Club has revived an old concept, a community-based country fayre, and has kept the best of the old and added some modern extras.

It takes place on Saturday, June 23, 10.30am-4pm, at Llantwit Major RFC's sports field, with fairground rides, more than 40 stalls already booked in, and a wide variety of food – from burgers to crepes and on to Japanese noodles!

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ABOVE: Sarah and Wendy Thomas at  
the Flower Shop.

It's hard to think of a town that combines business life, history, and a warm social aspect as well as Llantwit Major.

St Illtud's Church remains a real gem, and overflows with history - and this will be even more obvious when the Galilee Chapel project starts to take shape.

The chapel, which at present is a roof-less adjunct to the church, will become both an educational centre, highlighting St Illtud's importance in the development of Christianity in the UK, and it will also show off the ancient Celtic crosses that are currently inside the existing church.

Move just a short distance from St Illtud's Church and the visitor finds himself in the old town square, surrounded on all sides by public houses that have a real charm.

Steve Murphy runs the Old Swan Inn and has fallen in love with the town. He told The GEM: "As an outsider (from Cardiff) I adore the town and the old part, around the church, is phenomenal."

"Our pub has always been a public house - all the way back to the 12th century - and I think that is amazing!"

"We will be embracing the Eisteddfod, and will be holding a beer festival, with the emphasis on Welsh beers and ciders."

Another development which has been a boost to the town is the increasing popularity of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line.

It is a scenic route anyway, and it is an ideal way for visitors from Bridgend, or Barry, to visit and spend time in the town.

With the Eisteddfod in mind, arrangements have been made for a shuttle bus service to take new arrivals in the town out to the festival site.

The arrangements for road traffic to reach the festival site were released this week. (See the Eisteddfod column on page 18 for details).

An exciting summer lies ahead for Llantwit Major, and traders and townsfolk will be offering a warm welcome to visitors from all corners of Wales and the UK.



ABOVE: James Harrison and Jamie Rees at Pins N Needles tattooists.

## Llantwit Major Town Council

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# Beyond the Border

## WALES INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

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# A Feast of Festival Fun

EMAILS are flying around the world; leaflets are being picked up from Swansea to Stroud; artists are rehearsing hard in Wales, England, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Canada and the United States of America, and the festival site preparations are soon to start at St Donats Castle, Llantwit Major.



The She'Koyekh band will be playing

From June 29th – July 1st the beautiful site by the sea will play host to Beyond the Border, Wales International Storytelling Festival 2012.

In 2012 the festival is celebrating 200 years of the Brothers Grimm and their collection of fairy-tales. Families can see Grimm's Tales performed through circus and music, or as puppet shows (including some specially for the Under 7's) and they can also take part in storyteller Daniel Morden's exciting Festival project

– where he will perform a story right up to a cliff-hanger moment, then talk to the audience to decide how to perform the ending the next day. For adults and teenagers there are darker Grimm's tales to choose from including festival favourites The Company of Storytellers performing *The Three Snake Leaves*, a rather naughty late night *Bluebeard*, and a dark exploration of mental health issues in puppet theatre piece *The Fantastist* to name but a few.

### Paul Seligman – Festival Fan says . . .

*You know how it is. You keep hearing good things about a restaurant, a pub, a holiday destination or a new activity. You mean to check it out, but somehow you never get round to it. It's not part of your social pattern. Eventually you may give it a try and if it's as good as you heard, you think "Why didn't I do this before?" We came late to Beyond the Border, very late – it started in 1993 and it was about ten years later before we went for a day. It was as good as we'd been told, if not better, and of course we thought . . . "Why didn't we do this before?"*

Another anniversary featured is the 100 years since the sinking of the Titanic. American storyteller Pam Faro tells the tale of her Great Uncle Olaus, steerage survivor of the ill-fated voyage, whilst you can also hear how a radio operator from South Wales heard the distress signal and test some of the equipment he would have used.

The festival celebrates the Welsh language too and has commissioned a new performance in Welsh and English and story and song based on Welsh legends: *Tair: Daughters of Earth and Time*

Alongside all the storytelling, there are great musical performances. Featured UK artists this year include Transglobal Underground, She'Koyekh, Julie Murphy and Fernhill, plus you can plunge into central Asian culture with *Music of the Persian Poets* and *Voices from the Kazakh Steppes*.

With a real ale bar, craft stalls, food from Wales and the world, coastal walks and many other activities it is a weekend not to be missed – and if you can't make the



Storyteller Ben Haggarty

whole weekend, you can buy tickets for just a day or an evening.

All the information is at: [www.beyondtheborder.com/festival/tickets](http://www.beyondtheborder.com/festival/tickets) or you can call the Box Office on 01446 799 100.

Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day from the Box Office on the festival campsite.

### Kat Quatermass – Festival Manager says . . .

*We're really excited to have arranged sign language interpretation for the first time ever at Beyond the Border. Local interpreters are signing a series of family friendly performances on Saturday 31st July. We've also got a special discount offer for families with Deaf children so they can try it out. They can get more information by calling 02921 660 501 or emailing [info@beyondtheborder.com](mailto:info@beyondtheborder.com)*

### David Ambrose - Artistic Director says . . .

*A visit to Beyond The Border is always a rich and magical experience, and this year promises to be better than ever. Not only are we delighted to be back at St Donats, with its fairy tale castle perched on the clifftop, enchanted gardens, wild woods and a prospect of the sea...but we also have a wonderful line-up, over 100 performances of music and stories from around the world, a magnificent feast for the ears!*



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**Ticket Prices: Day or Evening Tickets £25 (full); £22.50 (concession); £12.50 (child) Weekend £100 (full); £90 (concession); £50 (child) – Family rates available.**

[www.beyondtheborder.com/festival/tickets](http://www.beyondtheborder.com/festival/tickets)

**Telephone: 01446 799100**

The festival is supported by Arts Council Wales and Welsh Government and by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and is held in the grounds of Atlantic College and St Donats Arts Centre.



# Vintage machinery enthusiasts raise funds for children's charity through tractor runs

THE Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society recently attended a steam event at St Fagan's where enthusiasts gathered to examine the carefully-preserved machinery.

The society also stages tractor runs to raise funds for charity and during the event, a cheque was presented (pictured below) to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.



## PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event. Pictures can be purchased by contacting:  
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### Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

#### Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardall Gadwraeth

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00454/CAC  
Conversion of existing retail premises to 1 No. 4 bed townhouse, and construction of 4 no. 3 bed townhouses in existing service yard/carpark, all with associated car parking and private amenity space, in a secure gated Mews Development  
The Old Post Office, 61/63, Eastgate, Cowbridge  
Cowbridge

Location/Lleoliad:  
Conservation Area/  
Ardall Gadwraeth

#### Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:  
Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

2012/00474/LBC  
Proposed extension to the rear (ground floor)  
81, High Street, Cowbridge  
Grade II

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:  
Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

2012/00479/LBC  
1 no. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. non-illuminated projecting sign  
WH Smith, 20, High Street, Cowbridge  
Grade II

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00524/LBC  
Single storey rear Garden Room extension to the existing lean-to extension along with the provision of a new window to the east gable of the main house and various internal alterations to modern partitions and floors.  
Replacement of all modern single glazed casement windows with new double glazed casement windows (slim units) to match existing configurations. Replacement of existing thatch roof with new water reed thatch to match.  
Church Farm, Llandow

Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II\*

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00535/LBC  
Single storey rear extension, second floor bedroom alterations and roof terrace glazed balustrade. (Re-submission for enlarged opening from kitchen to sunroom)  
8, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely

Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:  
Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig

2012/00561/LBC  
Internal alterations  
Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry

#### Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:  
Location/Lleoliad:

2012/00469/FUL  
Small memorial garden incorporating low wall and joint seating facility with small terraced area  
St. Johns Church, Church Road, Llanblethian (St Bleddian)

Listed Building:  
/Adeilad Rhestredig

Affecting The Church of St. Bleddian, Grade I and the Roadside Cross, Grade II

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00485/FUL  
Detached new house in the garden of the existing dwelling  
4, Great House Meadows, Llantwit Major

Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building:  
/Adeilad Rhestredig

Affecting Ty Mawr (Great House), Grade II\*

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00536/FUL  
Single storey rear extension, second floor bedroom alterations and roof terrace glazed balustrade. (Re-submission for enlarged opening from kitchen to sunroom)  
8, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely

Location/Lleoliad:  
Listed Building:  
/Adeilad Rhestredig

Affecting 8, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely, Grade II

#### Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00464/FUL  
Demolition of existing Pen y Bont Surf Life Savers Centre and replacement with a new Surf Life Savers Centre at Ogmere by Sea  
Pen Y Bont Surf Life Savers Centre, The River Mouth, Ogmere by Sea

Location/Lleoliad:

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00522/FUL  
Emission Reduction Project comprising the erection of a steel raft (adjacent to the existing boiler house) supporting 6 catalytic reduction units  
Aberthaw Power Station, The Leys, Aberthaw

Location/Lleoliad:

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00526/OUT  
Proposed demolition of all buildings and proposed residential development  
Old Weighbridge Yard, Cogan Hill, Cogan

Location/Lleoliad:

Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00547/OUT  
Demolition of former public house and development of 13 No. apartments (eight one bed and five two bed) with associated car parking area and on site amenity space  
The Marine Public House, Redbrink Crescent, Barry Island

Location/Lleoliad:

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Application No/  
Rhif y cais:  
Proposal/Cynnig:

2012/00539/FUL  
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# Blackmill's 'BAD bikes' track is 'only one of its type' in Wales!

THE 'BAD Bikes' group in Blackmill has opened its brand new track – a track described as “the only one of its type in Wales”.

Andy McKay of BAD Bikes told The GEM: “BAD Bikes initially started as a mountain bike group that went on to delivering activities, training and volunteering based around mountain biking.”

He said that now the group encourages young people, particularly those not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs) to gain qualifications in a variety of areas.

There will be more on BAD Bikes in next week's GEM.

## PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

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## 'Help us fight off invasion by alien plant'

THE Wildlife Trust of south and west Wales needs help preventing an alien invader from threatening native plants at Parc Slip nature reserve near Bridgend.

Himalayan balsam is a highly invasive plant that was introduced to the UK in the early 19th Century and has begun to spread rapidly around the country.

It is commonly found along waterways and in damp woodland, with its tall fleshy stems and attractive pink flowers becoming a dominant feature in some areas, and costing conservation organisations, as well as councils, vast amounts of money to control.

However, what it may offer aesthetically is not enough to counter the many negative effects that come with it. It forms very dense colonies, shading out native vegetation and preventing it from growing.

When the plant dies in the autumn, it then leaves large areas of bare soil which are vulnerable to erosion. Himalayan balsam also attracts pollinators away from native plant species, thereby decreasing their reproductive success.

The one good thing about Himalayan balsam is that it has very shallow roots and is therefore easy to pull up. And that is where we need you!

On Thursday, June 28, we are holding a communal Himalayan balsam removal day in order to try to control the spread of this virulent plant across our Parc Slip reserve near Aberkenfig.

If you'd like the chance to help make a real difference to a beautiful local nature reserve, carrying out hands-on conservation work while enjoying some (hopefully fine) fresh air, then please get in touch with Vaughn Matthews ([v.matthews@welsh-wildlife.org](mailto:v.matthews@welsh-wildlife.org) or 01656 724100).

LYNDESEY MARTIN

## Penllyn Bridge

**PENLLYN Bridge Club results for May were as follows:**

**May 10, 20 pairs** – First, Colin and Judith Nunn (68.18 per cent); second, David and Marian Stephenson (56.06); third, Catherine Domican and Annie Jones (55.56).

**May 17, 19 pairs** – First, Catherine Domican and Penny Jarvis (60.63 per cent); second, David and Marian Stephenson (59.29); third – Diana Lewis and Myrtle Hansard (59.06).

**May 24, 17 pairs** – First, Helen Ruttley and Catherine Domican

(61.69 per cent); second, Colin and Judith Nunn (59.29); third, Mary Wallis and Glenda Roberts (58.21).

**Robert Brown Cup – Round 1, 19 pairs:** First, Jo Isley and John Lord (69.03 per cent); second, Colin and Judith Nunn (68.13); third, Sally Kennedy and Annie Jones (54.69).

**Round 2, 20 pairs:** First, Rita Williams and Gill Harding (59.09 per cent); second, Alban and Gwyneth Wilde (58.33); third, Mike and Helen Ruttley (58.08).

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## Llanfest 2012

**THE Llangan and St Mary Hill village festival takes place this Saturday, June 16, from 2pm-10pm.**

Attractions – craft stalls, charity stalls, bouncy castle, a clown, face painting, children's rides, food and a bar.

Live music will be performed by the Rossers, Orca, Thrown to Wolves, Chrislys, Jamie Hill and Llangan School Choir.

The Battle of Llangan will also be staged thanks to The Sealed Knot 17th Century English Civil War Battle and Living History Camp group.

The fun all takes place at Heol Llidiard, St Mary Hill, entry fee £2 for children and £5 for adults. Sat Nav users: post code is CF35 5DR.

## Castle choirs

**ON June 16 from 5pm at Coity Castle, seven choirs will perform individually.**

Bridgend Male Choir will be on last, performing at 7.30pm, and will lead the singing of the Anthem.

Charities supported are Ty Hafan (children's hospice); Noah's Ark (supporting children who have suffered bereavement) Y Bont (support pre-school children with disabilities) and Bridgend Young Carers (children supporting adults who are ill or who have become disabled).

Free parking and entry by programme at gate £5. Bring picnic, chairs and picnic table.

Bridgend Mail Choir will also perform at Armed Forces Day, June 30, in Cooper's Field, Cardiff.



# PORHCRAWL RNLI VOLUNTEERS RACE TO TACKLE FLOODS

by PHILIP IRWIN

**TWO volunteer crewmen from Porthcawl RNLI were rushed to west Wales after flash floods left home-owners and tourists stranded and in danger.**

In the early hours last Saturday (June 9), Paul Eastment and Christopher Missen were mobilised to Ceredigion as part of the Wales RNLI Flood Rescue Team.

Paul Eastment was a team leader, and had previous experience after responding to the Cockerthorpe floods in 2009.

He said: "We were alerted early Saturday morning and sent to standby at Aberystwyth."

"When we arrived, we were working alongside fire crews, using our boats to rescue people marooned in their houses and in caravans."

"As with Cockerthorpe, the amount of flood water was overwhelming, and the devastation it caused was heartbreaking, as the owners and residents have lost everything."

Crewman Chris Missen said "I have been on the team for 3



ABOVE:  
Christopher Missen (left) conducting a search during the floods.



ABOVE:  
Paul Eastment (left) and Christopher Missen.

## Students' end-of-year photographic exhibition

**AN end-of-year exhibition is being held at the Cowbridge Road Campus of Bridgend College, from June 15 to June 19.**

Work shown at the exhibition will be from Extended Diploma, Further Education students, and higher education students studying for their degree in photographic practice and other degrees at the School of Art and Design, Cardiff Metropolitan University.

The university's campus is at Queens Road, Bridgend, and is incorporated into Bridgend College.



ABOVE: Second year photographic practice degree students Laura Daniel and Amie Lixley, mounting prints, under the watchful eye of tutor, Dawn Wooley, in readiness for the exhibition.



RIGHT: First year photographic practice degree student David Mayne, preparing exhibition boards.

**REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS**  
by Frank Shipton,  
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## Bridgend Bridge round-up

**RECENT results at Bridgend Bridge Club:**

**Wednesday, June 6** – First, Mary Moore and Mike Best; second, Jane Brook and Dave Barwood; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones.

**Friday, June 8** – First, Ray Smith and Bill Turner; second, Mary Moore and Di Jones; third, Tony and Emer Disley.

In addition to the regular club nights on Wednesday and Friday at Noltan Church Hall at 7pm, there are lessons on Fridays for beginners with Graham Jones also at 7pm; lessons for improvers will resume in the autumn – all welcome.

To register an interest, contact Graham Jones (01446 775952), Steve Burgoyne (01656 661958) or David Newman (01656 649138).

## Quiz League posers

**HERE are your teasers:**

1. Which speedy cartoon character was created by Malcolm Judge, first appeared in the Beano in 1953 and is still a feature of that comic?
2. In the Old Testament, who was the wife of Abraham?
3. Muhammad Ali fought only two boxers on three occasions in his career, Ken Norton was one – who was the other?
4. The band REO Speedwagon took their name from what type of vehicle?

**A RUDGE**  
(for Quiz League)

**ANSWERS:**  
1. Billy Whizz.  
2. Sarah.  
3. Jo Frazier.  
4. Fire engine.

## The First Minister sends supporting message to carers

**FIRST Minister Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend, has sent a message of support to carers and their families during Carers' Week from June 18-24.**

Mr Jones said: "It is important to celebrate the vital contribution that unpaid carers make within our community. Many informal or unpaid carers may be unaware that there is support available for them."

"I would encourage carers to get in touch with the Bridgend Carers Centre to find out more about the services offered and both practical and financial support available. It could make a real difference to your life and those that you care for."

During Carers' Week, Bridgend Carers Centre will be running a programme of awareness-raising sessions and activities for unpaid carers at an all day event on June 20.

Helen Pitt, of Bridgend Carers Centre said: "During Carers' Week we celebrate, raise awareness and give recognition to the unselfish and remarkable work carers do in Bridgend. Carers save the Welsh economy over £7.7 billion per year so it is imperative to support our unpaid carers."

For more information, contact Bridgend Carers Centre on 01656 658479 or call in at 87 Park Street, Bridgend.

## Bridgend College scoops top awards



Teacher of the Year 2012: Sara Davies, forensic science lecturer at Bridgend College (holding certificate) with Terrie Vaughan-Taylor, Sara's head of school and Mark Jones, Principal, Bridgend College on her left, and award sponsor Peter Scott of RSC Wales alongside Deputy Minister for Skills, Jeff Cuthbert, on her right.

**BRIDGEND College won two awards for excellence at the ColegauCymru/ColegionWales annual conference in Llandudno on May 31.**

The categories were investing in staff

development and higher education in further education.

In addition, Sara Davies, forensic science tutor, was crowned Teacher of the Year 2012. Two students have been shortlisted for the Learner of the Year Award, which will be announced on vocational

qualifications (VQ) Day, June 20, in Cardiff Museum.

They are Sian Preddy, who recently completed her BA (Hons) in Education, and Adam Taylor who studied the BTEC National Diploma in musical theatre.

## Weather holds out for Kenfig Cadets



PICTURED, above, are Flight Officer Lawson (adult staff), Cdt Wilmott, Cdt Cpl Maine and Cdt Sgt Aston.

**AFTER the terrible weather, we have experienced during half term three cadets from Kenfig Hill ATC were grateful that the weather improved last weekend.**

Along with Flying Officer Hannah Lawson and civilian instructor Chris Lewis, they enjoyed a day at Afan Argoed.

It wasn't just a stroll in the park; they were there gaining skills for their Duke of Edinburgh Award which they all hope to complete this year.

They learnt many new skills, such as map bearings, paces and using terrain to help determine their location.

They all got home safely and in one piece so they must have done something right. Flying Officer

Lawson has recently completed her DoE Assessor 'Supported Assessment', so the cadets were in capable hands. Chris Lewis enjoyed the day; he especially mentioned that he enjoyed sharing his knowledge with the cadets.

The adult staff with the ATC are all volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a staff member or could see yourself being on the Civilian Committee, then please call in.

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# SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

## Maesteg U3A MEMBERS of the U3A heard guest speaker John Pearson, give a talk on the migration of Welsh people to Patagonian.

His talk included many evocative stories of the difficulties and courage of those early pioneers.

Professor Michael D Jones, a Welsh nationalist non-conformist preacher based in Bala, who had called for a new 'little Wales beyond Wales', had spent some years in the United States, where he observed that Welsh immigrants assimilated very quickly compared with other people and often lost much of their Welsh identity.

He proposed setting up a Welsh-speaking colony away from the influence of English.

Patagonia was chosen for its isolation and the Argentines' apparently generous offer of 100 square miles of land along the Chubut River, in exchange for settling the still-unconquered land of Patagonia for Argentina.

Towards the end of 1862, Captain Love Jones-Parry and Lewis Jones (after whom Trelew was named) left for Patagonia.

They first visited Buenos Aires, where they held discussions with the Interior

Minister Guillermo Rawson then, having come to an agreement, headed south.

They reached Patagonia in a small ship named the Candelaria, and were driven by a storm into a bay which they named 'Porth Madryn', after Jones-Parry's estate in Wales.

The town which grew near the spot where they landed is now named Puerto Madryn. On their return to Wales, they declared the area to be very suitable for colonisation.

The permanent European settlement of the Chubut Valley and surrounding areas began on July 27, 1865, when 153 Welsh settlers arrived aboard the converted tea-clipper *Mimosa*.

The *Mimosa* had cost £2,500 to hire for the voyage and convert to passenger use, and the fare from Liverpool to Patagonia was £12 for adults and £6 for children, although anyone willing to travel was taken on the journey regardless of ability to pay.

The *Mimosa* settlers, including tailors, cobblers, carpenters, brickmakers, and miners, comprised 56 married adults, 33 single or widowed men, 12 single women (usually sisters or servants of married emigrants), and 52 children.

Their first settlement was a small fortress which later became the

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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town of Rawson, now the capital of Chubut province. The settlers first made contact with the local Tehuelche.

After some early suspicion, the Tehuelche helped the settlement survive.

John Pearson was thanked by the members for his knowledge on the subject.

The next meeting's speaker, John White, will be talking about the work of the Leprosy Mission.

The day trip to Lacock Wiltshire is booked for September 5. Set in rural Wiltshire, Lacock village is famous for its picturesque streets, historic buildings and more recently as a TV and film location for the BBC series *Cranford*.

The cost is £20 per head, and it is open to members and their guests.

After a tense three way play-off, the Maesteg U3A team won the first organized quiz on May 23, between

Porthcawl, Bridgend and Maesteg.

### Choir's tour

CŌR Merched Cwm Llynfi (Llynfi Valley Ladies Choir) have sung at two weddings:

Nicole and Christopher's at Caerau Church and Lucy and Ross at the Catholic Church, Maesteg.

The latter was recorded by Sky Living for the programme "Four Weddings". This will be shown in the autumn.

The choir entertained at the Bridgend Masonic Hall for the senior citizens' lunch and at the start of the celebrations in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, for the Bridgend county adult learner awards.

In October, members have been invited to Hertogenbosch, liberated by the Welsh Guards in 1944, where there is a Welsh Cenotaph in the Dutch town.

Paul Deenik-Bradley, the musical director, has a Dutch father who can help with the Dutch

national anthem, and Paul has come up with a demanding but varied repertoire for the tour.

The choir aims to make a different impact by wearing identical Welsh costumes for the more informal events.

It is fortunate to have the support of Maesteg British Legion — some of their members will travel with the choir and will provide wreaths for memorials and Arnhem Cemetery.

This year, the choir has also welcomed accompanist, Laura Smith, who also plays for Bridgend Male Voice Choir.

### Sports day

On June 21, Ogmere Vale Primary School will be holding its sports day for years 1 to 6.

This will be special, as it is based on the Olympics, and the children instead of being placed in houses, will represent six countries — namely USA, Great

Britain, Jamaica, Australia, Russia and China.

Sports day for the nursery and reception classes will be held on June 19, with the nursery starting off between 10am and 11am, followed by reception at 11.15am to 12.15pm.

### In Brief

**ST BRIDE'S Church, Llansantffraid, is organising a cream tea on Saturday, June 16, at 2pm.**

**ST TYFODWYG'S Church, Glynogwr, holds its patronal festival on Sunday, June 24, at 6.30pm. This will be a special 'Songs of Praise' service.**

**Congratulations**

...to George and Dorcas Hayward, who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 16.

### Friends' fete

**MAESTEG Hospital League of Friends, is again organising a fete to raise funds for the hospital in the grounds of Coity castle, entry will be by programme, payable at the gate for £5.**

**Annual concert** **MAESTEG Children's Choir** has been rehearsing for its 26th annual concert, entitled 'Twist and Shout', in Maesteg Town Hall, on Friday, July 6, at 7pm.

Under musical director Enid-Sian Hughes accompanist Rhianon Williams-Hale will rehearse for two hours every Saturday morning, including the Whitsun half term break.

### Community chorus

**BRACKLA Community Chorus is holding its annual concert at Brackla Community Centre on Friday, July 13, at 7pm.**

The choir rehearses at the centre on Wednesdays between 6.30 and 8.30pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome.

**Tea Leaf** **THIS is a charity based in Sri Lanka that is teaching the**

children of the tea pickers English, with the intention of improving the situation of poverty stricken children.

The charity has the support of members of St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid; Tim Pare the son of Rector Stephen Pare, runs the charity.

**Carers' centre** **BRIDGEND Carers centre provides information and is a social centre for unpaid individuals who look after their parents, disabled children, friends or neighbours.**

June 18 is the beginning of Carers' Week 2012, and starts at 10am where carers can have a chat over coffee or tea.

In the afternoon there is a book Cwtch from 1pm to 3pm. They will be helped by Mike Church.

Between 12 noon and 2pm, an information stall in the Civic Offices will give advice to staff of one of Bridgend's largest employers. On June 19, between 10am and 3pm there is a stall in Adare Street to give advice to all.

On June 20 between 10.30am and 3.30p, a sickness and in health exercise includes Tai Chi, dance, ready steady cook, laughter workshop, beauty therapies with manicures, haircuts, and a series of talks craft making.

On June 21 between 9.30am and 12 noon information stalls give advice in both Sainsbury's store and Tyn Y Coed Surgery, Sarn.

On the same day between 10am and 1pm at Trem Y Mor centre, Betws, there are advisors available for carers who are looking after elderly or disabled persons. There will be representatives present from Lloyd's Pharmacy and the Stroke Association to offer advice.

On June 22 starting from the centre at 10am there will be a walk with a talk on the historical background of Bridgend.

## Singer is back in Porthcawl

A MEMBER of Only Boys Aloud has visited his former school in Porthcawl to perform with the choir and share his stories about life in the limelight.

Nick Evans, (19), left St Clare's School after his A-Levels to start his business studies degree at the University of Glamorgan's Treforest campus.

Nick sang Calon Lan, Only Boys Aloud's final song in Britain's Got Talent, with the Prep school choir in front of a captivated audience of children, teachers and parents.

Porthcawl-resident Nick said: "It's been great to come back here because it was at St Clare's that I first became interested in singing. The school is very musical, renowned for its choir and was very supportive of my ambitions. I hope that I have inspired some of the children to keep going."

## Pisgah Ladies

**THE Pisgah Ladies Fellowship are holding one of their famous 'Cream Teas' on Thursday, June 21, at 3pm in the Pisgah Chapel Vestry, Kenfig Hill.**

Spend the afternoon in pleasant company and support the splendid work done by these ladies. For details of this and other events, telephone Rhian on 01656 744772 or Karen on 01656 740684.

**KPC Youth Centre** KPC will be holding its annual general meeting at its centre on Monday, July 2, from 6pm.

All are welcome are welcome to attend and help celebrate another year of working with young people within the community. It also gives everyone the opportunity to find out more about KPC's proposed future developments.

The meeting will be followed by the presentation of certificates to members, and some light refreshments.

KPC Youth Centre is located next to Pil Primary School, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend, CF33 6AB. To confirm attendance please ring 01656 749219/745399 or email kpcyouth@hotmail.com

## Festival Week

The Kenfig Hill and Pyle week of festivities begin this Saturday, June 16 and there is something for everyone to enjoy, starting with the Festival Queen's tour of the communities at 12pm and a concert in Pisgah Chapel at 7pm on Saturday.

There is a Compline Service in St James' Church, Pyle at 6pm and 'Stars in their Eyes' at the Pyle Rugby Club at 7pm on Sunday; a martial arts demonstration in Pyle Life Centre from 5pm to 6pm on Monday and a coffee morning with songs from Mynydd Cynffig Junior School in Llys Ton at 11am and Showtime at the Talbot with special guest stars at 7pm on Tuesday. There is a school Sports Day at Mynydd Cynffig Infants School and afternoon teas and open day at the KPC Youth Centre from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday; a junior cricket tournament at Mynydd Cynffig Junior School at 2pm and 'Cabaret', starring Darren & Co in Kenfig Hill Rugby Club at 7.30pm on Thursday; coffee morning with Scope in the Rees Centre at 11am on Friday, a parade led by the Festival Queen and Jazz Bands at 12pm and a Community Fun Day at the Kenfig Hill



## COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE

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Rugby Club from 1pm to 7.30pm on Saturday. It ends on Sunday, June 24 with a community service of Thanksgiving in St Theodore's Church at 6pm.

For further information, call Harold Phillips on 01656 740766 or 07792 010043.

### Commended

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jessica Pritchard, Caitlin Fallow and Maicy Styles of Mynydd Cynffig Infants School who did extremely well in the South Wales Police internet safety poster competition, when they were highly commended for their entries.

### Eve Appeal

**SCHOOL** Road - I reported last week that the residents of School Road, Kenfig Hill, showed their community spirit when they raised £265 for the Eve Appeal at their Jubilee street party.

Well, at the last count, they discovered that they had in fact raised and absolutely magnificent £426.

Congratulations, it just goes to show what can be done when neighbours pull together!

**Shout** **SINCE** reforming, the Kenfig Hill branch of

Shout is pleased to announce that it is getting more and more people attending each month.

If you would like to help the over-50s make a difference to your local community, go along to their next meeting in the Barnyard, Pyle Cross, Pyle on Tuesday, June 26, from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be a guest speaker from Nest, the Welsh Government's fuel poverty scheme.

For further details, contact Stan Rumble on 01656 741203.

### Wellbeing

**Centre** **ACTIVITIES** being held by the Mental Health Matters, Wales at the Talbot



Jessica Pritchard, Caitlin Fallow and Maicy Styles with their safety posters. (See story on left)



# Adult learners are praised for their work at county borough awards evening

*Dignitaries present to acknowledge success of more than 30 pupils*



**ABOVE: Winners of the ELIBS & learndirectpartnership award.**

**MORE than 30 adult learners have had their achievements celebrated at Bridgend County Borough Council's annual Adult Community Learning awards ceremony.**

The evening highlighted the successes of the learners since September 2011; whether academic, creative or personal. Tutors were also acknowledged with awards for their continual commitment to adult learning and student development.

Award categories included ICT, wellbe-

ing, general and partnership awards.

Presenting awards were: the Leader and Deputy Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Mel Nott and Coun David Sage; cabinet members Phil White, Huw David and Mike Gregory; Janice Gregory AM; and Carwyn Jones AM.

Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for wellbeing, said:

"Learning is for everyone and can be a life-long experience. We understand that for many, taking the first steps back into the

learning environment is extremely difficult, but we've seen the benefits – meeting new friends, gaining confidence and self-esteem, developing new skills and gaining qualifications.

"Many of our learners have started up their own business and are great examples of how successful the courses offered by ACL and its partners can be."

Joy Davies, a winner of the ELIBS and learndirect Partnership award, enrolled on a computer course in September 2011. She said: "When I moved from Ogmore to

Lewistown, I didn't know anyone in the community. For two years I barely left the house.

Then a local group were looking for a secretary who could use computers and this persuaded me to enrol on the course.

"The course has given me so much confidence but, more importantly, it has given me the knowledge and skills to help people in the community. I would recommend enrolling in an ACL course to anyone."

Former army medic Kevin Richards, a win-

ner in the wellbeing award category, set up a charity in 2009 to help wounded soldiers with post traumatic stress disorder.

Kevin said: "I enrolled in a psychology course to gain a better understanding of what the soldiers are going through. Not only did I gain a new qualification, I gained friendships.

"Also, another student on the course is now involved in the charity as a practitioner of psychology. This is of benefit to my charity and the people involved, as well as helping someone else to reach their goals."

Adult Community Learning provides a stepping stone for people of all ages to take part in a range of courses including arts, computers, history, music, photography and much more.

To find out what courses are available this September email: [adultlearning@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@bridgend.gov.uk) or telephone 01656 642729.

**LEFT: Winners of the Wellbeing Learner award.**

## MP Huw and TV's Fiona team up to back carers in Bridgend

**OGMORE MP**

Huw Irranca-Davies has teamed up with TV presenter and former carer Fiona Phillips to support this year's Carers' Week (June 18-24) in recognising the contribution made by the 18,000 people across Bridgend county borough who provide unpaid care for someone who is ill, frail or disabled.

The work they carry out is vital for their families and friends, and for their communities.

"Across Bridgend county borough there are 17,894 carers, saving the State an estimated £386 million a year in the unpaid care they provide. Across Wales, there are 369,628 carers, saving £7.72 billion a year," the MP said.

The theme for Carers' Week 2012 is 'In sickness and in health' recognising the strain families are under as they see their services cut back. It calls for better financial and practical support for the diverse range of people who have caring responsibilities.

Research carried out by Carers UK in 2012 found that unpaid carers are at breaking point:

47 per cent of carers said they were made ill by money worries and 45 per cent said that



**ABOVE: Huw Irranca-Davies MP with TV's Fiona Phillips at the launch of the 2012 Carers' Week.**

caring had pushed them into debt.

Huw and Fiona have joined together to pay tribute to carers, and to urge that they receive more support. Huw said:

"The MP went on: 'Nearly 18,000 people across Bridgend county borough and six million across the UK sacrifice not only their time, but also their money and their health in order to care for a loved one.'

Together they save this country an incredible £119 billion every year – it's an incredible £386 million per year in Bridgend county alone. It's vital that carers are offered regular breaks from caring and health checks so that they can be supported.

"I am taking part in Carers' Week to show my respect and appreciation for our carers. I

also want to let them know that there are services out there to help them. Caring can be so incredibly demanding. It's important that carers know that they don't have to struggle on alone."

Fiona Phillips said "From personal experience, I know caring can demand a lot of your time and attention, which in some cases can put pressure on other areas in your life, such as financial responsibilities and relationships.

These problems can prove to be exhausting and mentally gruelling and can really take its toll on your health and wellbeing.

"I hope that Carers' Week can again help to achieve change, and make a real difference to the lives of carers in this country."

## Colwinston welcomes latest new attraction

**JUST over a year ago, it was decided, as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, that Colwinston would replace its modern telephone box with one of the more traditional Giles Gilbert Scott red kiosk designs.**

The task was not as easy as at first hoped, but through community Coun Alun Austin, and with the help of local resident John Lloyd, British Telecom,

The Vale Council, and the previous community council chairman, Peter Graham-Woollard, the new box was installed last Friday in time for Sunday's celebrations.

Made in 1937 for the Coronation of King George VI, with internal fittings from the time of King George V's Silver Jubilee, this box previously stood at Holt in Norfolk, and after refurbishment by English Phone Boxes from Gloucester, is now in pristine condition.

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**The 1937 phone box is now installed for use in Colwinston.**

lic and private donations, it was opened by its main benefactor, local businessman Malcolm Jones, at a ceremony.

Despite threatening rain and cold conditions, it was very well attended by villagers, who enjoyed tea and cakes on

the village green. An earlier thanksgiving service at St Michael's and All Angels was then followed by a children's party and adult's hog roast at the Sycamore Tree.

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## Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Jason Smith – 66 Rushfield Gardens, Bridgend – Fell tree to rear garden.

Wales and West Housing – Hanover Court, off Cefn Glas Road, Bridgend – Program of works to several trees including felling and maintenance (1979) OBC No.2.

Mr Derek Thomas – Converted barn, Cefn Cribwr Farm, Farm Road, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend – Erect conservatory to rear and reposition garage approved under consent P/08/1034/FUL.

Mrs Julie Connick – 3 Well Street, Porthcawl – Change of use to include A1 and A3 with front of shop to sell gifts

and tearoom to rear.

Glowcharge Limited – Shepherds Yard, Australian Terrace, Bridgend – Demolish existing buildings and redevelop site for residential development.

Miss Nicola Pearce – 14B Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas, Bridgend – Change of use from launderette to hairdresser.

Mr Hughes – 123 Llewellyn Street, former Tynewydd Funeral Home, Ogmore Vale, Bridgend – Conversion of existing chapel of rest into domestic dwelling.

Mr Andrew Davies – Flat 4, Brogden Building, Porthcawl

sea front, Porthcawl – Change of use to office administration for financial services business.

Mr Stephen Davies – 99 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend – Create vehicular access and lower kerbs.

T Anthony and Sons – Hare Grove Farm, Laleston – One 50kw wind turbine with max blade height of 35m and associated access track, hardstand, etc.

Mr Phillips – 93 Rowans Lane, Bryncethin, Bridgend – Rear dormer loft conversion.

Roger North Long and Partners – 1 Elder Drive, Porthcawl – Conservatory to rear.

Wales and West Housing Association – Unit at Eastern part of Coed Castell development, Coychurch Road, Bridgend – Adapt one residential unit from three-bed 2.5 storey to four-bed 2.5 storey (approved under P/09/455/FUL).

Mr Keri Hyde – 14 St Brides Road, Aberkenfig – First floor rear bathroom extension.

Ms Alice Anthony – 21 Prince Road, Kenfig Hill – Conversion of house into two apartments with parking to the rear.

Filigree Trading Ltd – Land at Tremains Road, Bridgend – Relaxation of condition 2 of P/04/587/FUL to

allow sales and distribution of tools/materials.

Mr S Anthony – 8 West Drive, Porthcawl – Two storey extension, balcony extension to first floor, create opening doors and balcony within existing second floor dormer.

Ogmore Vale Constitutional Club – 59-63 High Street, Ogmore Vale – Canopy to front elevation to provide smokers' shelter.

HD Limited – Ruhamah Chapel, Wyndham Street, Bridgend – Refurbish chapel including alterations to windows, new glazed door opening and refurbishment to roof including addition of roof lights.





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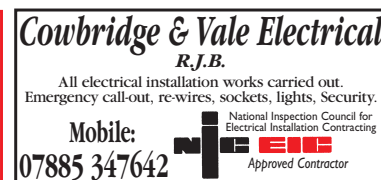
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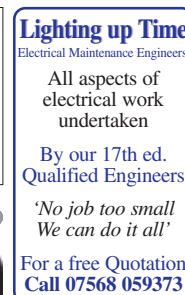
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have great pleasure in  
announcing the engagement  
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We wish them a very  
happy future together.

## Birthdays

**Happy  
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Natasha  
Goddard**

on 14th June

Lots of love, Mum, Dad,  
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## Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

SECTION 119 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.3 COLWINSTON)

DIVERSION ORDER 2011

On the 26th March 2012 an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers  
confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert part of the public footpath as  
set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen at the address  
below free of charge between 9:00am and 4:00pm on weekdays from 14th  
June 2012 until 26th July 2012. Copies of the Order and map may be bought  
here at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on the 26th March 2012, but if any person  
aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision  
contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act,  
or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made  
under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the  
Order, he/she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by  
paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the date on which  
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Dated this 14th day of June 2012

Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration  
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## Family Notices

**Councillor  
Margaret Elizabeth  
Alexander**

Yvonne and Brian Morris would like to thank all family,  
friends, colleagues and neighbours for their many  
messages of love and support after their recent sad loss.  
Also, gratitude to the Rev Emma Rees and Park Funeral  
Directors for their care and professionalism.

## SYMMONDS

The family of the late Eleanor Symmonds wish to  
thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for  
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Our grateful thanks to all the staff at Brocstle  
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**OWENS  
Enid Mary**

Suddenly on June 8th, at the Princess of Wales  
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## WILLIAMS

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## St Mary Hill fair raised £3,000 for Macmillan Nurses



ABOVE:

Coity Wallia Conservators' chairman, Clive Davies hands the cheque to Erith Morgan. Alongside is the fair organiser Lyn Wood.

MORE than 400 people in the Bridgend area received help from Macmillan Nurses last year, said secretary of Bridgend Macmillan Cancer Support committee, Erith Morgan.

Ms Morgan received a cheque for £3,000 from Coity Wallia Board of Conservators, organisers of the 2011 St Mary Hill Fair.

Mrs Morgan told members that last year the support committee raised £23,160 and it was all sent to the central fund. A staggering £135,000 was sent back to the Bridgend area for the work it carries out.

Macmillan Cancer Support aims to improve the lives of all those affected by the disease and this

year is launching a campaign to raise awareness of the financial impact on people diagnosed with it.

"The challenges of living in a rural area and an ageing population means that cancer poverty is a huge issue for many people," said Mrs Morgan.

"Research has shown that 91 per cent of households suffer loss of income and/or increased costs as a result of cancer diagnosis."

From the £135,000 received in the Bridgend area £42,000 was spent on fuel and in one way or another 403 people were helped.

Mrs Morgan thanked the board and said the donation would be wisely spent in the area on local people who really need the help.

There are now three Macmillan nurses and a newly-appointed benefits advisor in the area,

A housebreaker claimed he was a "good Samaritan" minutes after being arrested, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Shane Thomas (24) denied burgling a house in Upper Adare Street, Pontycymmer, and said he had gone inside because he was suspicious of what was occurring.

Thomas, of Ffordd-yr-Eglwys, North Cornelly, was jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for two years and made subject to a supervision order for a year.

He admitted charges of burglary with intent, handling stolen goods and possessing drugs with intent to supply.

Prosecutor David Thomas said that the defendant and another man were seen acting suspiciously in a health supplements shop in Bridgend, and it later transpired that Thomas had stolen two containers of protein worth £100.

He claimed he had bought them in Wildmill.

On a later occasion, neighbours became sus-

picious in Upper Adare Street at what was going on in an unoccupied house.

The lights were on, but three men, one of them the defendant, were seen rummaging through items.

One man said: "Let's get the boiler."

The three then fled through a smashed kitchen door.

Thomas was seen at

the front of the house and claimed to be a "good Samaritan".

Mr Thomas said that when arrested in the health supplements shop, the defendant had 99 diazepam tablets and there was evidence of him supplying them.

He was said to have 13 convictions for theft and two for burglary.

Barrister Matthew Cobb said: "This latest

burglary represents an escalation in the seriousness of his offending."

"Fortunately, there was no wanton trashing in the property."

"It was not ransacked, and what happened was on the spur of the moment."

"He had been dependent on drink and drugs, but since being remanded in custody, he is dry

and is motivated to change. He deserves a final chance."

Recorder Wyn Rees said:

"You have a dreadful record over many, many years, but in effect you've already served the equivalent of a six-month sentence."

"If you don't take this opportunity, the downward spiral of your life will continue."

## CROWN CROWN ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

# Housebreaker's last chance to reverse 'downward spiral'

## MAESTEG MAN HAD COUNTERFEIT GOODS

POLICE discovered counterfeit goods with top designer labels worth £50,000, after stopping a driver in the Rhondda area, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Retired milkman, 63-year-old Stuart Cooke of Alexandra Road, Caerau, Maesteg, admitted before Vale magistrates 16 charges of possessing counterfeit goods for sale and was committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was jailed for nine months, suspended for two years, and ordered to observe a 7pm-to-7am curfew for

six months.

Recorder Robert Britton said: "I've taken into consideration everything your counsel has said, and your guilty pleas. It is your first conviction for some considerable time."

"The losers are not only the manufacturers, but the public, who had paid for items they believed would be genuine."

"Clearly it is a serious case, and you are very lucky not to be going to prison."

Prosecutor Claire Wilkes, acting for Bridgend Trading Standards, said that on October 12, 2010, Cooke was stopped by

the police driving a van in Treorchy.

Inside was a large amount of designer clothing, with labels such as Ugg, Lyle and Scott, G-Star and Gio Gio.

Cooke said: "They're all mine."

He said he had been buying and selling and all the goods were genuine, having been bought in a market in Cardiff.

There were Ugg boots, said Ms Wilkes, hoodies, various cosmetics and alcohol.

Cooke's garage was later searched and there were Ralph Lauren items and 100 bottles of vodka.

She said the true value of the items seized, if genuine, was more than £50,000. He claimed that he believed they were genuine.

His barrister James Hartson, said: "These are serious offences. By his pleas, he accepts he had the items with a view to selling them, but there is no evidence he actually sold any."

"His intention was to return them to the supplier."

"This was not a professional operation by a long way, and we are not talking of warehouses full of goods."

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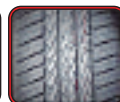
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# Versatility and ruggedness

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My family and I put the 2.5-litre diesel double cab Barbarian through its paces on a bank holiday trek to Dorset.

It blended into the picturesque landscape very well indeed because there are so many in this part of the world.

The Barbarian reminds me of an unforgiving Roman soldier, plainly existing to conquer. In the same way you wouldn't mess with the L200 or its siblings; the Animal or Trojan.

When driving down narrow country lanes other motorists, perhaps slightly intimidated, helpfully pull over.

Vehicles are often a reflection of their driver's personalities and I reckon those who own a Barbarian probably like getting their own way.

Put a field in its way and it'll happily climb the most arduous route. It's ideal for those who require a vehicle that

## Motoring with Tim Saunders



ABOVE:  
The Mitsubishi L200

will uncomplainingly take what's thrown at it.

When confronted with a sharp muddy incline at the entrance of a field, the Barbarian, in two wheel drive mode, I hasten to add (because I forgot to change to four) made its way without issue up it.

High grass and copious amounts of mud were not a problem and baby daughter Harriett remained peaceful in her car seat in the rear thanks to the suspension soaking up the bumps.

This double cab version is ideal for families in a way that the standard version, which accommodates two adults, is not.

Yes, the diesel engine can be a little raucous and the auto box a little indecisive but this adds to its charm. When slowing down, using cruise control, the gears

seem to fight against it, preferring to travel faster. Two or four wheel drive modes can be selected manually by the gear stick next to the auto box.

The uncomplicated interior and plastic door inserts are ideal for mucky farmers and ham-fisted builders, as it's easy to wipe away mud and grime.

The comfy leather seats are also robust and hardwearing.

A cavernous covered rear in the test model is ideally suited to transporting livestock, cumbersome building materials or, as in our case, lots of luggage. The carpeted interior is affixed with Velcro for easy removal. I also like the hardwearing chrome bumpers front and rear.

Parking in Lyme Regis is a nightmare at the best of times and the

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# Mixed results for the Llantwit Bowls Club.

**LLANTWIT had a successful game of bowls in the Munro Cup - defeating Dinas Powys by 69-55.**

Graham Jones' rink were 11 shots down before they got onto the scoreboard. However, after this, Dinas were only allowed to score a further three shots while Llantwit replied with 21. Danny Ahearn's rink started well. They were nine shots up after five ends, and dominated throughout, winning comfortably by 16 shots.

Steve Booker's rink led at the start. They then went behind on the third end, pulling back on the 13th to draw level, only to lose a close game by two shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink, after conceding three shots on the third end, were always in arrears, only picking up the odd shot now and then, while Dinas Powys picked up five shots on the eighth end to finish off any hope of Llantwit making a comeback.

**Rink scores:** GJ 21-14, DA 25-9, SB 12-14, CH 11-18.

Llantwit then visited Grange (Cardiff) for their first league game of the season, coming away with a 80-66 win.

Charles Hiscock's rink took the honours with the most emphatic

win, despite being down on the eighth end.

Llantwit picked up a couple of four counts, as well as three counts of three, to win by 14.

Graham Jones' rink forged ahead to be eight shots up after eight ends, with Dave Post making his league debut and having a storming game.

Grange came back at them, scoring a six shot count on the 15th end to take the lead, but Llantwit regained the lead on the 17th, and they held on to win by one shot.

Neville Young's rink also started well - taking a nine shot lead after

nine ends. They were stuck on the same score for seven ends, losing the lead for the first time on the 16th end.

Then, some good bowls by Llantwit's four players on the final four ends saw them home by six shots.

Steve Booker's rink were always behind against a strong Grange rink, although they fought back to draw level on the 14th end. However, they were only able to score another two shots.

**Rink scores:** CH 26-12, GJ 19-18, NY 21-15, SB 14-21.

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## WALES MUST LEARN WALLABY LESSON – AND UP THE PACE!

**D**ESPITE the usual pre-match media hype that fanned expectations, Wales went into the first of their three test matches in Brisbane on Saturday, knowing that if past statistics were any guide, the odds were firmly stacked against them.

After all, Australia had won 21 of the 32 encounters since 1908, and Wales just 10, with one match drawn. The prolific men in gold had rattled up a total of 748 points to 463 against – and in their last 12 meetings, Wales had managed to scrape just two wins – both in Cardiff during the Grand Slam years 2005 (24-22) and 2008 (21-18).

The 2012 Grand Slam champions were hoping that would be a happy omen, particularly in light of fellow tourists Scotland's surprise 9-6 victory over the hosts, in foul weather conditions, four days earlier.

The scale of the task, though, lay in the sobering fact that a Welsh team had last triumphed in the land of Oz a staggering 43 years ago – on January 21, 1969, when young players who were soon to become known to the rugby world simply as JPR, Gerald, Barry, Gareth, Merv et al, battled to a narrow 19-16 win.

Mind you, it is doubtful if such thoughts weighed too heavily on the young class of 2012. If anything, they would have been buoyed more by the Welsh under-20s' heartening 9-6 win over the all-conquering 'baby All Blacks' the day before, as the seniors prepared to face a wounded Australian side showing no fewer than nine changes from the one that had lost to the Scots.

Word from the Welsh camp was that they were determined to take advantage of the anger and criticism whipped up in the Australian press at that affront to national sporting pride, and would pile the pressure on their under-fire opponents from the kick-off; knowing that they had a supreme opportunity to at last claim a coveted Tri-Nations scalp, and continue Welsh rugby's renaissance. They also knew that the first quarter of an hour could be key.

Alas, though, their resolve lasted only as long as the opening blast of the referee's whistle – instead, it was the fired-up Wallabies who were



Alex Cuthbert goes over for a try that showed what Wales were capable of, but also underlined the golden opportunity missed in the first Test.

Left: a purposeful Welsh attack, but we needed more of the same.



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first into action, roaring out of the starting blocks like men on a mission.

Wales, in contrast, seemed strangely sluggish and off the pace, seemingly taken aback by the urgency and speed of typically potent Australian play that had them backpedalling in desperate defence.

This led to them conceding a penalty in front of their posts, which was slotted over by out-side half Berwick Barnes, who then converted a try by bearded back-row man, Scott Higginbotham, to make the score 10-0 in just 17 minutes.

The reliable Leigh Halfpenny reduced the arrears with a calmly-taken penalty, but in truth, it was merely a respite from the overwhelming pressure being exerted on an embattled Welsh side that struggled to come to terms with the pace and physical onslaught.

Upfront, the set-pieces were holding firm (led yet again, by that irreplaceable lynchpin, Adam Jones) but the Welsh forwards were being out-muscled and outwitted in the ruck and tackle area, where man-of-the-match Wallaby skipper, David Pocock, was tireless in his efforts (both legal and non-legal!) to win

the ball.

Defence coach Shaun Edwards was correct to draw attention to the confusion caused by different interpretations of the laws of the game; for example, at the breakdown, in the southern hemisphere.

As has been noted here in the past, to allow a tackled player to blatantly interfere with play, instead of immediately rolling away, is beyond belief, and hardly conducive to a level playing field, particularly when aggravated by inconsistent refereeing!

That said, no-one can argue that more clinical Australia were the better side, despite a spirited Welsh comeback in a second half, that saw them spurn golden opportunities – after the half had begun as badly as the first, with a scything run to the posts by Wallaby danger man, scrum half Will Genia.

His touchdown was converted by Barnes, and was almost immediately followed by a second penalty from Halfpenny – but Barnes then widened the gap to 20-6 with a snap drop goal.

The cool Halfpenny stepped up to narrow it again with a penalty and Wales suddenly came to life, with impressive wing Alex Cuthbert

rounding off an excellent move with a try converted by Halfpenny, who promptly added another penalty.

Incredibly, the Welsh fight-back had taken them to within a point of the Wallabies' score at 20-19, and with 20 minutes to go and Australia clearly tiring, there was a fleeting hope that famous Welsh fitness levels would prevail.

However, this was dashed by an influx of fresh legs from the bench, and a powerful run to the posts by centre Pat McCabe, whose try was converted by Barnes, to make the final score 27-19.

Wales were left licking their wounds and knowing that they will have to substantially raise the pace and precision of their game to save the series, when they line up for the second test in Melbourne on Saturday.

Above all, they cannot afford to be 'caught cold' again and will need to hit the ground running from the outset.

It remains to be seen if Tuesday's 25-15 win against the ACT Brumbies in Canberra will now re-focus Welsh minds after their first test wake-up call.

The suspicion remains that this Australian side is still there for the taking – provided the lessons have been learned!

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### President's Day and Captain's Day at golf club

THE veterans at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club are surprisingly competitive. Those who have joined the club expecting a casual stroll around the golf course are soon jolted into reality.

President's Day and Captain's Day are held as two separate events.

David Henry is president and gave a brief history of the section in his after-dinner address. Winner was Mike Considine and highlight of the event was a hole in one by former club captain Glyn Lloyd (his first in more than forty years of golf!).

Andrew Calder's (captain of the section), day was won by the big hitting Phil Lathey.

Club captain, Barrie Edwards, a vet's member, played in both competitions.

In each case, an excellent dinner was provided by Tracey and her staff.

The section continues to go from strength to strength with twice-weekly competitions, including home and away matches against other clubs, and specially organized golf trips.

Anyone aged 58 years or over is assured of a warm welcome in the section. Contact secretary Colin Wood (01656 859139).

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### Bulls survive scare to see off Dyffryn Devils

THE Bridgend Blue Bulls received a mighty scare at Penybanc RFC before finally beating the Dyffryn Devils 44-26.

Dan Smith claimed a hat-trick, and teenage full-back Huw Rosser scored 26 points.

The reigning champions were without a number of key players and were disjointed at the start, and the Devils took full advantage, with Owen Williams claiming an opening try in the second minute; Ceri Rees converted.

But Bridgend were back on level terms straight away when Dan

Smith raced over for his first and Rosser converted.

Rosser then scored himself after gathering the ball from a Devils' kick and racing 90 metres, weaving past a number of would-be tacklers. He converted himself for a 12-6 lead.

The Devils hit back via Ceri Rees, but then Lee Smith scored the Bulls' third, although it came at a cost with the centre injuring his leg while scoring. Rosser again added the extra two.

The Bulls should have claimed a fourth moments later after a great break from Tylon Mafi, but he was

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brought down just short and then penalised for illegally playing the ball. The Devils broke away and Steffan Jones scored to cut the deficit to just four points at half-time.

Two tries for Dan Smith in the opening five minutes of the second half gave the second row his hat-trick, with Rosser adding both kicks, then great play from Nathan Hawkins and Lee Harben-Jones ended in a try for Mikey Rowe.

Good play from Williams then saw

Dafydd Pritchard score the Devils' fourth of the game, with Rees again adding the extras.

Rosser claimed his second for Bridgend after a Josh Miles run, and then converted from the touchline.

The Devils never gave up and were rewarded with a fifth score when Gareth Rees seized on a mistake by Chris McGrath, but the final say went to Bulls' forward Ken Dowding, who capped off a good performance with the final touchdown.

Simon Green